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Fatima seers become church's youngest non-martyred saints

BY JUNNO AROCHO ESTEVES

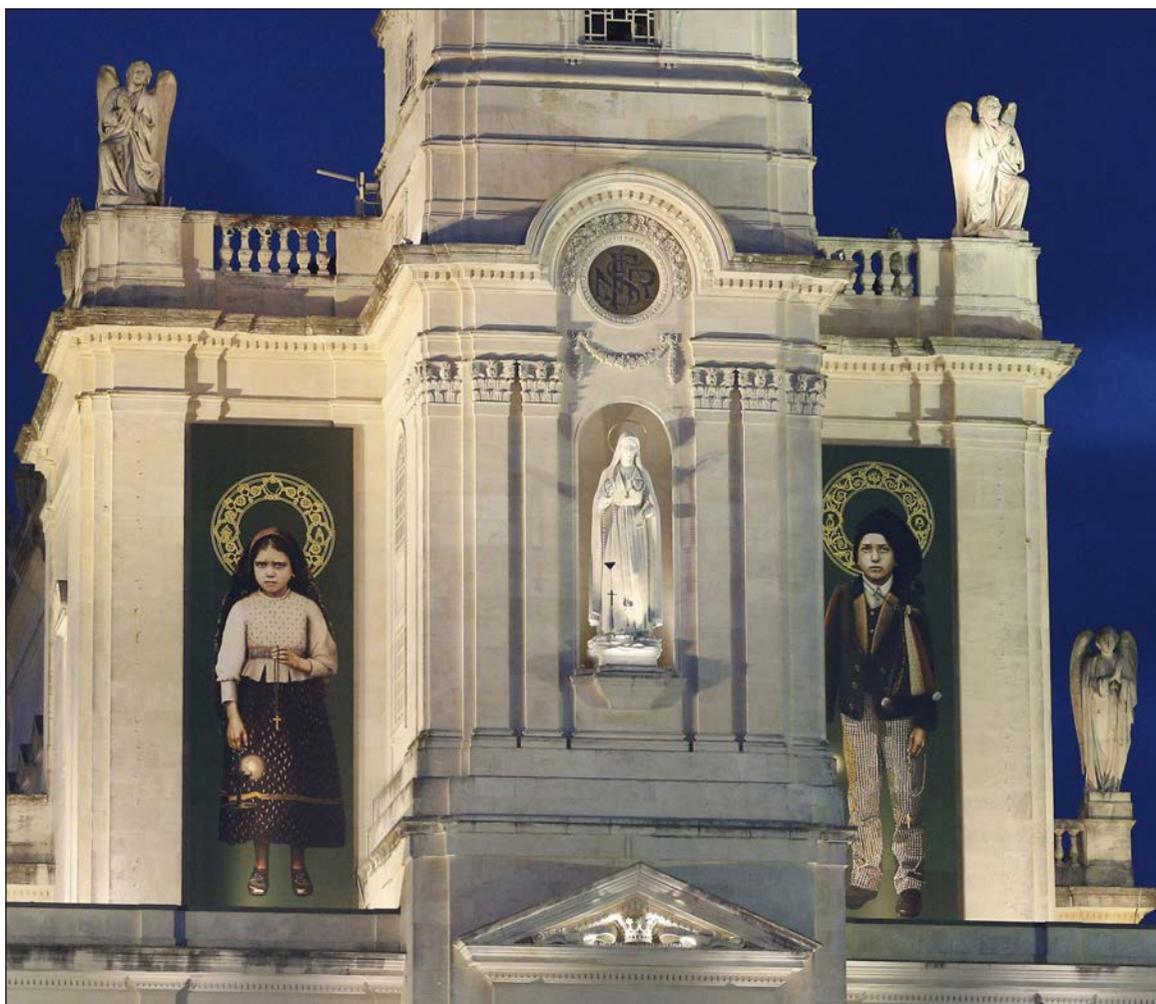
FATIMA, Portugal — Standing before the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, Pope Francis canonized two shepherd children who saw Mary at Fatima, but more importantly, he said, they heeded the call to pray for sinners and trust in the Lord.

“We declare and define Blessed Francisco Marto and Blessed Jacinta Marto as saints,” the pope said May 13, as hundreds of thousands of pilgrims broke out in applause before he finished speaking.

The relics of the young shepherd children, encased in two thin golden crosses, were placed in front of the famed statue of Our Lady of Fatima, the “lady dressed in white” as the siblings and their cousin described her.

The Marian apparitions began May 13, 1917, when 9-year-old Francisco and 7-year-old Jacinta, along with their 10-year-old cousin Lucia dos Santos, reported seeing the Virgin Mary. The apparitions continued once a month until Oct. 13, 1917, and later were declared worthy of belief by the Catholic Church.

After contracting influenza, Francisco died April 4, 1919, at



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Banners showing Sts. Jacinta and Francisco Marto, two of the three Fatima seers, hang from the facade of the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima as Pope Francis visits the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal May 12. The pope canonized the two seers at a May 13 Mass that marked the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions.

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‘Our faith overcomes the world’

BY JODI MARLIN AND
STEPHANIE A. PATKA

Atop of the list of goals for the third annual New Evangelization Summit was that of reinforcing believers’ motivation to share the gift that is the Catholic faith. That goal was checked off early on the weekend of May 12-13, when those seeking inspiration and tools for sharing that faith gathered at two sites in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and dozens of others throughout the U.S., Canada and Guatemala to, — as TV and radio host and author Peter Herbeck put it — “radically surrender to the Holy Spirit.”

Not only is evangelization “not



Molly Gettinger

Attendees at the New Evangelization Summit get ready to listen to a variety of speakers at St. Monica Catholic Church in Mishawaka. The two-day summit drew individuals from across the diocese who share a passion for evangelization.

just a hobby,” NES found Michael Dopp said, “it is the mission of the baptized.” After underscoring the urgency of evangelization in light of the world’s current tribulations, Herbeck reminded those in attendance that “God wants to elevate our faith: He will give us what we need to speak during the crucial time” if we would but attempt to share the Lord’s great love and mercy with others.

Participants heard from Sister Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, that the biggest obstacle to evangelization is “our own darkness” — our own sadness and guilt. They also learned techniques to

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Take Action Sunday



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In his beautiful apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, on "The Joy of the Gospel", Pope Francis reminds us that "participation in political life is a moral obligation." As Catholic citizens, we have a responsibility to defend the rights of those who cannot speak for themselves and to defend our own right to practice our faith and the works of mercy that flow from it.

The need for our engagement in the public policy process has grown in recent years as violations of conscience rights have risen. You may have heard, for example, of the case of Cathy DeCarlo, a pro-life nurse in New York City who was threatened with firing and the loss of her license unless she assisted with a third trimester abortion. The **Conscience Protection Act** is a critical bill in Congress that will help protect institutions and individuals like Cathy DeCarlo that do not want to be forced to participate in or pay for abortions.

This weekend, in response to a call to action from the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, I am inviting the faithful in our diocese to contact our representatives in Congress to urge them to support the **Conscience Protection Act**. This can be done quickly and easily through the Human Life Action website at humanlifeaction.org. The Human Life Action Center, which is part of the U.S. bishops' pro-life efforts, makes it simple to contact members of Congress by automatically matching people with their elected officials and providing an email message that can be personalized and sent — all in just a few minutes.

Thank you for your willingness to unite with me and our fellow Catholic citizens across the country to make our voices heard. Let us pray that our cherished freedom of conscience may be further protected by law.

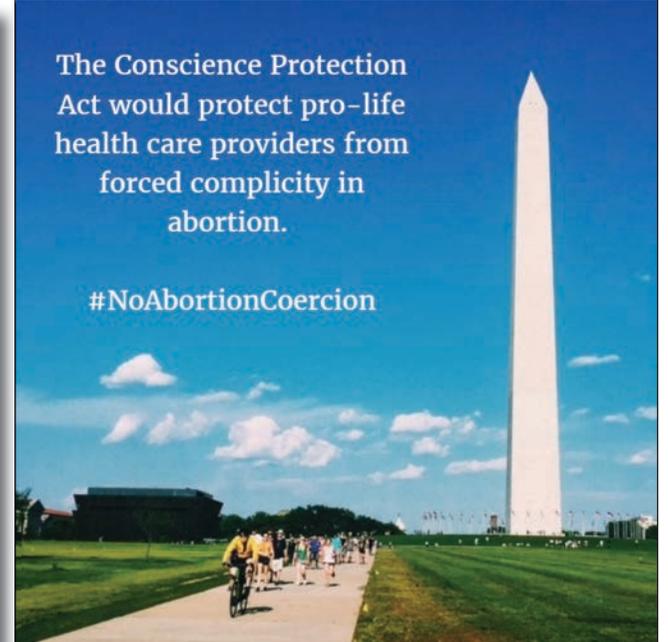
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+ *Kevin C. Rhoades*

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend

The Conscience Protection Act would protect pro-life health care providers from forced complicity in abortion.

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Diocese participates in Take Action Sunday



FORT WAYNE — In response to a call to action from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Take Action Sunday" will take place in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on the weekend of May 20-21. The purpose of this initiative is to encourage and equip parishioners to contact their congressional representatives to urge passage of the Conscience Protection Act, a critical bill in Congress that will help protect institutions and individuals that do not want to be forced to participate in or pay for abortions.

The Conscience Protection Act is a top legislative priority this year for the USCCB. "Take Action Sunday" is a call to action from the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, a call that is supported by the Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

"Years ago, the church in the United States conducted very successful postcard campaigns to mobilize the Catholic faithful to contact members of Congress about important pieces of pro-life legislation," Lisa Everett, co-director of the Office of Family Life, explained. "Today, we can do the same thing digitally in a matter of minutes, through the Human Life Action Center's website at www.humanlifeaction.org. It is easier than ever for Catholics and all people of good will to make our voices heard in the halls of Congress, and it is more important than ever to do so," she said.

Bishop Rhoades encourages all the faithful of the diocese to visit the website of the Human Life Action Center and click "Take Action" to send emails to the elected officials in your district.

www.humanlifeaction.org
Click "Take Action" and voice your support



Priest assignments

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following assignments of priests, effective June 13, 2017:

Reverend Royce Gregerson from Parochial Vicar, St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne, to Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen.

Reverend Maicaal Lobo to Parochial Vicar, Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Huntington.

Reverend William Meininger from Parochial Vicar, St. Pius X Parish, Granger, to Pastor, St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Culver.

Reverend Silvino Ndayambaje from Parochial Vicar, Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Huntington, to Parochial Vicar, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

Reverend Tony Steinacker from Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen, to Pastor, Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Huntington.

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the age of 10, while Jacinta succumbed to her illness Feb. 20, 1920, at the age of 9.

The children, beatified by St. John Paul II in 2000, are now the youngest non-martyrs to be declared saints by the Catholic Church.

Before his arrival at the shrine, the pope met privately with Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa and then made his way into the sanctuary that houses the tombs of Sts. Francisco and Jacinta and their cousin Lucia, who died in 2005 at the age of 97. The diocesan phase of her sainthood cause concluded in February and now is under study at the Vatican.

Pope Francis stood for several minutes in front of the tombs with his eyes closed and head bowed.

In his homily at the canonization Mass, the pope reflected on the brief lives of the young sibling saints, who are often remembered more for the apparitions rather than for their holy lives.

But it is Mary's message and example, rather than an apparition, that is important, he told the crowd, which Portuguese authorities estimated at about 500,000 people.

"The Virgin Mother did not come here so that we could see her. We will have all eternity for that, provided, of course, that we go to heaven," the pope said.

Instead, he continued, Mary's messages to the young children were a warning to all people about leading "a way of life that is godless and indeed profanes God in his creatures."

"Such a life — frequently proposed and imposed — risks leading to hell. Mary came to remind us that God's light dwells within us and protects us," the pope said.

The hopeful message of Fatima, he said, is that men and women have a mother and like children cling to her, "we live



CNS/Paul Haring

Pope Francis prays at the tomb of Fatima seer Francisco Marto before celebrating the canonization Mass for him and his sister, Jacinta Marto, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, May 13. The Mass marked the 100th anniversary of the Fatima Marian apparitions, which began on May 13, 1917.

in the hope that rests on Jesus."

Pope Francis called on the pilgrims to follow the example of heroic virtue lived by St. Francisco and St. Jacinta, particularly their insistent prayer for sinners and their adoration of "the hidden Jesus" in the tabernacle.

This continual presence of God taught to them by Mary, he said, "was the source of their strength in overcoming opposition and suffering."

By following their example, the pope said, Christians can become "a source of hope for others" and counter "the indifference that chills the heart" and "worsens our myopia."

"We do not want to be a stillborn hope! Life can survive only because of the generosity of other lives," he said.

It is with the light of hope, the pope added, that the church can radiate "the true face of Jesus" and reach out to those in need.

"Thus, may we rediscover the young and beautiful face of the church, which shines forth when she is missionary, welcoming, free, faithful, poor in means and rich in love," he said.

Addressing the sick before

concluding the Mass, Pope Francis said that Christ understands the "meaning of sorrow and pain" and, through the church, offers comfort to the afflicted just as it did for Sts. Francisco and Jacinta in their final moments.

"That is the church's ministry: the church asks the Lord to comfort the afflicted like yourselves, and he comforts you, even in ways you cannot see. He comforts you in the depths of your hearts and he comforts you with the gift of strength," the pope said.

The "hidden Jesus" the young shepherds adored in the Eucharist is also present "in the wounds of our brothers and sisters" where Christians can adore, seek and recognize Christ.

Pope Francis encouraged the sick present at Mass to "live their lives as a gift" and to not think of themselves simply "as the recipients of charitable solidarity" but rather "a spiritual resource, an asset to every Christian community."

"Do not be ashamed of being a precious treasure of the church," he said.



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, May 21: 9 a.m. — Commencement Ceremony for University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame Stadium, University of Notre Dame

Sunday, May 21: 5 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Adalbert Church, South Bend

Tuesday, May 23: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Paul of the Cross, Columbia City

Wednesday, May 24: 5:30 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Bishop Dwenger High School, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

Friday, May 26: 10 a.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Bishop Luers High School, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

Reminder:

Ascension Day obligation transferred

In most regions of the United States, including Indiana, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. As such, in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the Ascension will be observed on Sunday, May 28. Thursday, May 25, is therefore not a holy day of obligation in this diocese.

TAKE ACTION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017



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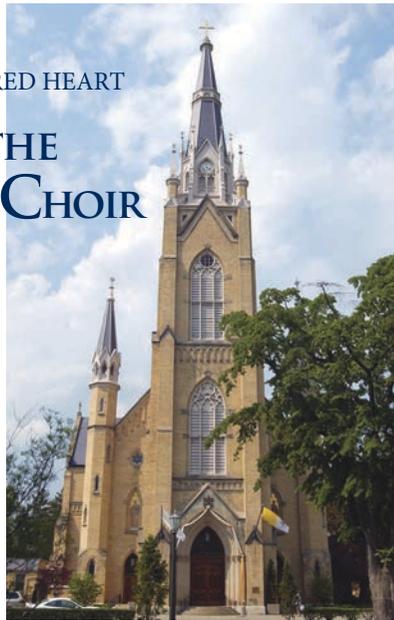
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'Be it Done' women's retreat

BY DENISE FEDOROW

Women from around the diocese gathered on the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions for a 'Be it Done' retreat day at St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart. The speaker for the retreat was Rose Averill, who began the day by calling on the intercession of the Blessed Mother and St. Rita, St. Monica, St. Gianna Molla and Servant of God Elisabeth Leseur, whose atheist husband converted after her death and became a priest ministering to priests, including Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

Averill shared that because of a difficult childhood and family life she didn't speak for years, even though she was able to do so. After a couple of what she called "mystical experiences," she believes she was shown how God wanted her to use her voice. She shared her faith journey, which began at 12 years of age when she took it upon herself to be confirmed after her parents were uncooperative in assisting. At age 15, while on an Antioch retreat, she was introduced to eucharistic adoration, where God revealed to her that she truly was in His real presence.

She told retreatants, "I am here because God called you to be here. There are no coincidences, just God incidences."

Averill's husband, Frank, is a physician; she is currently CEO of St. Francis Medical Institute in Clearwater, Fla., which has a chapel and where every workday begins with prayers and daily Mass readings. She shared some personal



Denise Fedorow

Women attending the "Be it Done" day-long retreat on May 13 at St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart, lifted their voices in song along with the musical group Filiae from St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne.

miracles, including walking away from an accident that totaled her vehicle; and how witnessing the aftermath and her physical healing affected her husband, friends, an emergency room doctor who said he "missed God," and a personal injury attorney — "all ordinary people doing everyday things, witnessing something extraordinary," she said.

Averill shared with the women how living out her faith and praying courageously has brought several people to come to know God who didn't before. She challenged those present to bring people to Jesus in adoration — Catholics and non-Catholics.

"Are you inviting everyone to meet Jesus, like Levi the tax collector? Are you telling everyone your testimony, like the woman at the well?"

She admitted she didn't initially like the rosary, until a priest friend explained that the beauty of the rosary is the melo-

dy and the meditation.

"The rosary is a beautiful melody of the heart and has such incredible power," she said.

Averill said that although her husband was raised Catholic and went to Sunday Mass, he thought her attending daily Mass and adoration was a waste of time. She prayed for 30 years for him to fall passionately in love with Christ, and on a pilgrimage to Lourdes that conversion happened. He has been attending daily Mass and is in discernment for the diaconate.

She said although her prayers weren't answered as quickly as she liked, she encouraged the attendees who are praying for children or other family members who've left the church to keep praying.

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Vatican, Jewish museums explore menorah in art and dark legend

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican Museums and the Jewish Museum of Rome are exploring together the significance of the menorah, although they also give a nod to the centuries-old legend that the Vatican is hiding the golden menorah from the Temple of Jerusalem.

A two-part exhibition, one at the Vatican and the other at the Jewish Museum of Rome, prominently features a replica of the 1st-century Arch of Titus, showing Roman soldiers carrying the menorah and other treasures into Rome.

From a coin minted in the century before Christ's birth to a 1987 Israeli comic book featuring a superhero with a menorah on his chest, the exhibit, "The Menorah: Worship, History and Myth," documents the use of the seven-branched candelabra both as a religious item and a symbol of Jewish identity.

The exhibit is scheduled to be open through July 23. One ticket includes admission to the main part of the exhibit in the Charlemagne Wing just off St. Peter's Square and to the Jewish Museum, located about a mile away at Rome's main synagogue.

Among the pieces displayed at the Jewish Museum stands a towering mosaic inscription describing treasures buried at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. Dating from the 13th century, while the Crusades were raging, the mosaic's 37-line inventory includes "the golden candelabra"

brum" Titus brought to Rome.

The legend has persisted for centuries that the Vatican is hiding the solid gold menorah — if not at St. John Lateran, then in a cave at the Vatican. Jewish religious and political leaders continue to ask the popes to return the piece.

Arnold Nesselrath, director of the Department of Byzantine, Medieval and Modern Art at the Vatican Museums, said the mosaic from the time of the reign of Pope Nicholas IV is the last the Vatican heard of the famous menorah. Excavations under the altar of St. John Lateran and the surrounding area in the early 20th century turned up no trace of the treasures.

Still, he said, the legend documents just how important the menorah is in Jewish culture.

Francesco Leone, the art historian who prepared the exhibit catalogue, told Catholic News

Service the most historically reliable explanation of the Temple menorah's fate is that it was taken as booty from Rome by the Vandals or Goths before the end of the fifth century and melted down.

The oldest object in the exhibit is the "Magdala stone," a carved block from a synagogue in the Galilee excavated in 2009. The stone, which has a carved menorah on one side, is from before the time of Jesus.

Alessandra Di Castro, director of the Jewish Museum, said working with the Vatican Museums and with scholars both of them called on to help with the research, "we experienced firsthand how working together brought each of us new understanding."

Nesselrath agreed, saying, "The collaboration was a process of deepening respect for what is sacred to the other."

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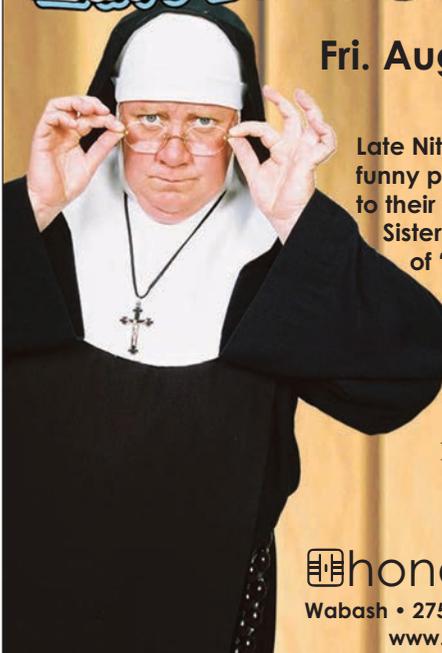
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Returning from Fatima, pope says he has doubts about Medjugorje

ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT FROM PORTUGAL (CNS) — While the investigations into the very first alleged apparitions at Medjugorje in must continue, Pope Francis said he has doubts about claims that Mary continues to appear in the village of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Asked May 13 about the authenticity of the Marian apparitions, which reportedly began in 1981, the pope referred to the findings of a commission chaired by Cardinal Camillo Ruini, the retired papal vicar of Rome. “The report has its doubts, but personally, I am a little worse,” the pope told reporters traveling with him from Fatima, Portugal. “I prefer Our Lady as mother, our mother, and not Our Lady as head of the post office who sends a message at a stated time. This isn’t Jesus’ mother,” he said. “And these alleged apparitions don’t have much value. I say this as a personal opinion, but it is clear. Who thinks that Our Lady says, ‘Come, because tomorrow at this time I will give a message to that seer?’ No!” Three of the six young people who originally claimed to have seen Mary in Medjugorje in June 1981 say she continues to appear to them each day; the other three say Mary appears to them once a year now.

Archdiocese launches website about U.S. priest who will be beatified

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City has opened a website detailing the life, as well as steps toward sainthood, of Father Stanley Rother, an Oklahoma priest scheduled to be beatified in the fall. “My office has been receiving so many wonderful prayers and interest from people across the country” about Father Rother, wrote Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, of Oklahoma City, in a May 11 Facebook post. “As of today, we have a new website dedicated solely to Father Rother. Please take time to visit the site to learn more about his servant heart and to sign up to receive information about his beatification Mass on Sept. 23.” The stanleyrother.org website tells the story of the U.S. priest who worked in Guatemala for 14 years until he was murdered there in 1981. Although he was a diocesan priest for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Father Rother, who grew up on a farm, offered to serve in his diocese’s mission in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala, in 1968. He served a poor and indigenous community in the area, helping build a small hospital, a school and its first Catholic radio station. But he also helped the agricultural community with its

Vatican, Jewish museums explore menorah in art



CNS/Paul Haring

A bust of Roman Emperor Titus is pictured next to a replica of the 1st-century Arch of Titus, showing Roman soldiers carrying the menorah, in an exhibition at the Vatican May 15.

crops and to build an irrigation system. Many Guatemalans in his community were kidnapped, disappeared or murdered as the government accused them of sympathizing with rebels during the decades-long conflict that plagued the Central American nation from 1960s until the late 1990s. Father Stanley, known as Father Francisco because his name was hard for the locals to pronounce, was 46 when a group of men entered the rectory and fatally shot him. When Pope Francis recognized his martyrdom in December 2016, Father Rother became the first Catholic martyr born in the United States.

Mexican archdiocese warns against veneration of ‘pseudo saint’

MEXICO CITY (CNS) — A Mexican archdiocese is warning against the veneration of a “pseudo saint” created to legitimize criminal activities such as stealing gasoline, saying it is “playing with people’s faith.” Officials with the Archdiocese of Puebla, southeast of Mexico City, say a band of gasoline thieves known as “huachicoleros” have altered an image of the Santo Nino de Atocha (Holy Child of Atocha) — a popular image of the Christ child — to

show the child holding a gas can and hose and bearing the name “Santo Nino Huachicolero.” “This image can never be accepted. Being a ‘huachicolero’ is practically a crime. The church cannot be in favor of this, much less be in favor that images are used in this way,” said Father Paulo Carvajal, archdiocesan spokesman. Thieves tapping pipelines belonging to Pemex, the state oil company, stole more than 600 million gallons of gasoline in 2016, according to online news organization Animal Politico. The number of illegal pipeline taps, meanwhile, numbering 6,159 in 2016, has increased by 791 percent since 2010, the company reported.

South Korean Catholics hope new president can unify nation

SEOUL, South Korea (CNS) — Catholics in South Korea have high expectations for unity, equality and an end to corruption under the country’s newly elected president, Moon Jae-in. In a congratulatory message to Moon that also noted the national rift that led to the special election, the head of the Korean bishops’ conference, Archbishop Hyginus Kim Hee-joong of Gwangju, said the country needed “a credible leader who keeps principles and

steps toward true peace and justice beyond today’s conflicts and confrontations.” “May the new president be a great leader who can make democracy take root in this country and bring peace and prosperity to the Korean people,” Archbishop Kim said in his statement. Moon, a Catholic and member of South Korea’s Democratic Party, won the May 9 election with 41 percent of the vote among a slate of 13 candidates. The son of North Korean immigrants had remained in the front-runner position since former President Park Geun-hye’s ouster in early March. “I hope that the new president will lead this nation to be one where, in the spirit of the constitution, the vulnerable and disadvantaged in the society can be treated with human dignity and respect,” said Archbishop Kim. Moon, 64, was buoyed by the growing dissatisfaction of ordinary citizens whose anger over corruption was years in the making under Park. From late 2016 to early 2017, tens of thousands of South Koreans filled the streets of Seoul every week calling for Park’s removal. A bitter division took root as the rallies were met with counterprotests in support of Park, whom investigators had linked to a corruption scandal that involved bribing top officials of major Korean corporations, including Samsung.

Reports say Callista Gingrich will be nominated as Vatican ambassador

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Callista Gingrich, wife of former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, will be Donald Trump’s nominee for U.S. ambassador to the Holy See, two U.S. news outlets are reporting. *The New York Times* and CNN reported May 14 that the official announcement of the nomination is waiting to be approved by the Office of Government Ethics. White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer in a May 15 news briefing wouldn’t confirm Gingrich’s nomination and said “nothing’s official until it’s announced,” when asked about the matter. “The answer is we have no personnel announcements,” Spicer said during the briefing. Callista Gingrich, 51, a former congressional aide, is the president of Gingrich Productions, which produces documentaries as well as other materials related to her husband, Republican Newt Gingrich, who served from 1995 until 1999 as the 50th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. In 2010, the company released the film “Nine Days That Changed the World” about Pope John Paul II’s nine-day pilgrimage to Poland in 1979 and how it played a part in the fall of communism in Europe. Callista Gingrich graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, in 1988, majoring in music, a passion that has remained with her throughout life. She is a long-time member of the choir at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

Help end ‘absurd’ conflicts with penance, prayer, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — More penance and prayers are needed to end the wars underway today and so many “absurd” conflicts, Pope Francis said. Praying for all those affected by war and thanking those involved in humanitarian aid efforts, the pope also marked Mother’s Day May 14 by asking everyone to thank and pray to their mothers on earth or in heaven. After reciting the “Regina Coeli” prayer with an estimated 25,000 people gathered in St. Peter’s Square, the pope said, “Let us remember with gratitude and affection all mothers, including our mothers in heaven, entrusting them to Mary, the mother of Jesus.” The pope also called for greater pro-life and pro-maternal support, saying “the future of our community requires from everyone, especially institutions, concrete attention to life and maternity.” He also greeted those taking part in Italy’s “Empty Stroller” initiative, which called attention to the country’s low birthrate by parking hundreds of empty strollers near the Colosseum May 14.

Academic teams place at state

Schools across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend participated in a recent academic bowl state competition at Purdue University, West Lafayette, on May 6.

The Fort Wayne Bishop Luers Academic Super Bowl English team took the state runner-up post in Class-C competition. The Super Bowl English team was comprised of senior Sophie Gernhardt, juniors Grace Georgi and Margaret Cicchiello, sophomore Rachel Notter and freshman Mary Cicchiello.

The team won first place among Class-C schools, at the Leo Regional Competition in April, ranking fourth among Class-C schools in the state. The top seven teams were selected to go to state competition. The overall topic was the French Revolution, with the English team focusing on "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens and the poetry of William Blake, William Wordsworth and Lord Byron. The team worked outside of school hours on the challenging literary works. The coaches were Jordan Miller and Kathy Schall. Monica Zwick was the site coordinator.

In the Academic Super Bowl Class 2 Division, Fort Wayne's Bishop Dwenger High School also achieved state runner-up status in English and math. On the math team were Laura Carroll, Kevin LaMaster and Kyle Weingartner. The English team consisted of Miriam Barry, Isaac Beam, Bridget Breckler, Teresa Breckler and Joshua Wolfe.

From South Bend, the Christ the King Academic Super Bowl team competed for the first time in the statewide competition, which for middle schools took place on April 29. The team of seven seventh- and eighth-grade students took third place overall out of 56 teams of the same population size, in the Interdisciplinary category. Under the same theme of the French Revolution they took fifth place in English, 12th in math, 16th in social studies and 29th in science.

Earthworks partners with JESSE

DONALDSON — Angela Resendez, vocational/transition coordinator for Joint Education Services in Special Education in North Central Indiana and Cheri Ringer, coordinator of Earthcare Education for Earthworks, a ministry of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, have partnered to provide work experiences for special needs students ages 17 and older. These are students that have mild to moderate special needs and are working towards earning a high school diploma. These students can have success at an appropriate vocation but are currently underserved by programs that would provide this kind of training.

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Prayer dinner reflects on 'Beauty from Ashes'



Provided by Jeanette Burdell

A record 310 faithful pro-life supporters gathered at the Kroc Center Thursday, April 27, for the 10th annual South Bend-area Respect Life prayer dinner — including 49 pastors and religious ministers. The event was a powerful force of prayer for life, uniting members of the body of Christ to beg for the Lord's action in shaping hearts and minds to more fully recognize the beauty of all human life, even in situations that involve great challenge or suffering. Fourteen pastors of various denominations led guests in the hymn "Amazing Grace." Josh Comeau, brain cancer survivor, led the worship music. Among those witnessing to the gift of every human life were Rick Becker and his son, Nick, pictured.

May crowning



Provided by Julie Harber

Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne, carried out a May crowning of Mary on Sunday, May 7, under the direction of Father Ajay Tiru. Pictured are Father Tiru; altar servers Blake Lothamer, Riley Johnson and Cierra Lothamer; and sisters Madison Barry, left, who carried the crown in the procession, and Dorothy Barry, who crowned the Blessed Mother. Both girls are participants in the parish's religious education program

the Marshall County Community Foundation, The Center at Donaldson will continue to add more work experience opportunities for JESSE students this fall.

Ordination celebration at St. Norbert Abbey

DE PERE, WIS. — On Saturday, May 27, Rev. Frater Michael J. Brennan, O. Praem., will be ordained to the priesthood. The Mass of Ordination will be celebrated by Most Rev. David L. Ricken, DD, JCL, Bishop of Green Bay, at 2:30 p.m. in the church of St. Norbert Abbey.



REV. FRATER MICHAEL JOSEPH BRENNAN, O. PRAEM.

Deacon Brennan, 39, is the son of Michael and Dorothy Brennan of Michigan City, and a son of Queen of All Saints Church in Michigan City. His parents now belong to St. Pius X Church in Granger.

A 1995 graduate of Marquette Catholic High School, Michigan City, Deacon Brennan graduated from St. Norbert College in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and psychology and a minor in religious studies.

In 2001 he received a Master of Education degree from the University of Notre Dame.

After his priestly ordination, Father Brennan will be assigned to St. Norbert College, where he will serve in sacramental, teaching and vocation ministries.

Scouts serve at naturalization ceremony



Provided by Laura LaMaster

"On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country..." This oath was lived out by Boy Scouts from St. Jude Troop 451, chartered by St. Jude Catholic Church, when they served as the color guard for a naturalization ceremony in Fort Wayne on May 5. From left are Andrew Zink, Ryan Ward and Miles Fedders, following the ceremony at which 48 people from 17 countries became United States citizens.

The NEW EVANGELIZATION Summit

'We learned how to give Jesus to the world again.'

— Father Jacob Meyer

SUMMIT

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overcome both active and passive rejection by others of the need for God's presence and his mercy in their lives. Speakers during the motivational retreat/training conference also included Bishop Robert Barron, Father Michael White, catechist Meghann Baker, Evango Catholic Ministries founder Patrick Sullivan and author Tom Corcoran.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades had encouraged attendance at the Friday evening and Saturday event, which was live streamed from Ottawa, Canada, "as an impetus to our ongoing efforts to spread the Gospel with renewed energy and vigor, and especially through outreach to inactive Catholics and the unchurched." Pope Francis has called the summit a "significant pastoral event" that provides inspiration and direction to those who wish to "proclaim 'the joy of the Gospel' in a spirit of missionary discipleship."

Father White and Corcoran gave a joint presentation, and challenged participants to rethink their understanding of Jesus' command to "Go and make disciples of all nations." Corcoran said: "Jesus didn't say, 'Go out and play bingo,' or 'Go out and do middle school lock-ins'... he said, 'Go make disciples.' Disciples are students who are learning to love God, love others." Father White followed up by saying, "when we lose our why, we lose our way. Ask of yourself and your parish: is the event or work that I'm doing for the church actively helping to make new disciples? And if it's not, consider why you are doing it in the first place."

The duo also encouraged parishes around the world to describe and name the unchurched person in the community. "The work of evangelization can begin when you develop your church around the unchurched in your geographical area. Your zip code is your mission field, and your parish responsibilities extend to way more than just the people in the pews," Father White said.



Attendees at the New Evangelization Summit, hosted at St. Monica Church in Mishawaka, raise their hands in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to use them as a vessel for his will. This prayer was led by Peter Herbeck, the opening speaker at the summit.



Stephen Horton

"I've learned that we need to rid ourselves of the consumer mentality about church: that we come to church to be fed. I've learned that growing in your faith isn't just about you — disciples make disciples. It's really interesting to see how the church is still alive and growing — it's not ancient. The church can grow even in our modern culture, and the New Evangelization Summit has taught me how I can help it do that."



Gwen O'Brien

"I came to the New Evangelization Summit because, as a parent, I'm happy where my children are with their faith right now — but I want to make sure that when they get older they won't lose touch with their faith. I want to be able to speak their language and stay relevant with how the church is in communication with them."

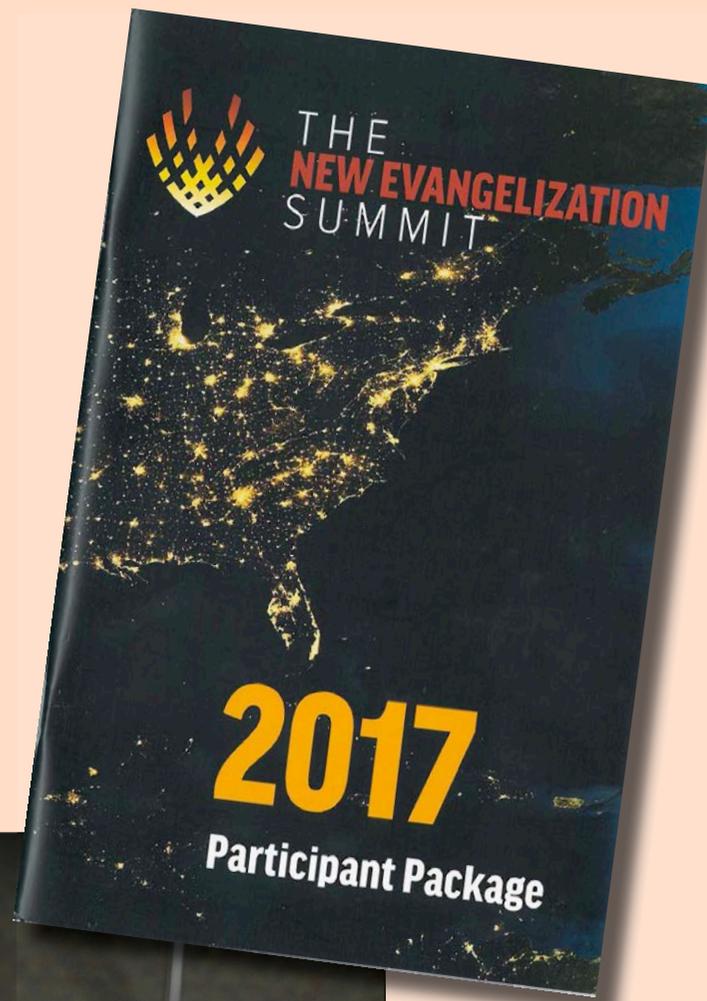


In between sessions at the New Evangelization Summit, participants collaborated to share their experiences of evangelization (both evangelizing and being evangelized to) and about how to bring the New Evangelization back to their parish.



Max and Flor Ortega

"We are planning to start a door-to-door mission in our parish, and we thought that this summit would be a good starting point. I think that all the speakers were very good and they have motivated us to go do our mission. And we've learned some good ideas on how to introduce ourselves to people and share the message that we have. The door-to-door mission is trying to mobilize the people who are at church. They go to Mass, but these same people go to Mass, but they might not go very often, or every Sunday. So this mission isn't just for the community, but for the parishioners as well."



Joyce Racine

"The New Evangelization, to me, means getting more people to love the church, to love Jesus and to follow. It's so important. . . I know for myself what a beautiful life it is. One of things that was talked about last night was the theology of sports — you win, and you want to win the next one. But the things here in the world aren't going to fulfill it. But if we have that relationship with Jesus — that is what will fill that God-sized hole in our lives. My biggest takeaway is that it's doable. It has been tried and there have been successes and we can learn from that."



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The New Evangelization Summit made waves quite literally, as Father Jacob Meyer led participants in the wave. This was filmed and sent to the organizers in Canada, who merged all the videos to visualize the enthusiasm and work of the Holy Spirit that was spreading across America as a result of the weekend.



John Faylor

"I wanted to attend because I realized the importance of the New Evangelization — evangelizing current Catholics and, of course those outside the faith — bringing people to Christ and back to the church. . . I've got pages of notes that I'm going to take back and talk about in the different groups and organizations that I'm involved with at St. Vincent's."



Mary Beth Baker

"I really wanted to come for my work with Our Sunday Visitor as an editor, because this is something that we are trying to focus on in our materials — putting out things that have that evangelical focus without necessarily using that word: evangelism, which has become a buzzword. And it's something that I wanted for personal formation too. It's neat to hear the broader church speaking about the need to reach people, the unchurched, because the focus of the New Evangelization for so long was to reach people in the church, which is important and we still need that, but also to have that outreach — that sense of going out again is really critical."



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

STORIES BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

Valedictorian Margaret Dosch

Valedictorian Margaret Patricia Dosch is tremendously thankful for what she feels she received by getting a Catholic education, especially during her four years at Saint Joseph High School.



MARGARET
DOSCH

"I feel overwhelmingly grateful. One of my favorite aspects of the Catholic identity at Saint Joe High School is the sense of focus and familial atmosphere. Looking back at these past four years, I realize I have learned so much. I also fully recognize that I would not have been able to learn half as much as I did without the help of my Saint Joe family — teachers and classmates alike."

"My Saint Joe experience has allowed me to exercise my faith through retreats and retreat

team, community service and being a member of the Catholic Identity Committee. Some of my most inspiring faith moments at Saint Joe were giving a speech at one of the retreats my junior year, and participating in Work for Saint Joe every year. These experiences have allowed me to cultivate my own personal faith journey and hopefully have inspired others' faith lives."

Some of my her most treasured memories include: "Saint Joe's chaplain, Father Terry, scaring me by holding a handful of stinkbugs near my face; witnessing Mr. Kostielney teach one of his theology classes while wearing a 'Transformers' helmet; and getting to spend time with Mrs. McKew during our last year together at Saint Joe."

While attaining a GPA of 4.6038, Margaret also took time to participate in all the theatrical productions put on by St. Joseph High School during the four years she attended, noting "it was a blast!" She also was a member of the Art Club, German Club, National German Honors Society and the National Honor

Society. She served as Student Council secretary her freshman, sophomore and junior year, and her senior year served as Student Body secretary.

"I learned a lot from these experiences and am grateful for having such constructive opportunities with fellow classmates," said Margaret.

Aside from drama productions, one of the other activities she enjoyed was being part of a curling team at Notre Dame with her dad. She also enjoys kayaking and hiking, as well as drawing and painting.

Margaret is pleased to note she has been hired at Notre Dame's DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and is "thrilled at the prospect of continuing the atmosphere of focus and family from Saint Joe" as she transitions to Notre Dame as a student next year.

Her college major choice has not been made yet, but possible choices she noted are architecture, fine arts and industrial design.

Salutarian Leo Romanetz

Leo Romanetz thinks he would not have had the opportunities he found at Saint Joseph High School if he had attended another high school.



LEO ROMANETZ

"Helping those less fortunate than I am, I was given full strength by my high school experience. This definitely would have been harder to encounter at most other high schools," said Leo, who is salutarian for the Class of 2017 and has a GPA of 4.4541.

A resident of Niles, Mich., the senior plans to attend Saint Lawrence University, majoring in chemistry.

While Leo is not a member of the Catholic Church, he feels he can "definitely speak to the fact that Catholic education has had value in my life and educational process. Moreover, my theology classes and teachers often happened to be my favorite classes and teachers.

"Theology classes, like morality, taught a view on Catholic religion that was founded on both faith and reason, which was essential for me to coming to the realization that the route

to truth in all aspects of life relies on these foundational principles," he said.

Outside of the classroom, Leo was a varsity tennis team member and an Economics Challenge team member. He also taught tennis basics to children ages 7-12 at the South Bend Racquet Club. "This impacted me by teaching me the values of leadership and mentorship which made a positive impact in my school environment."

Leo said that during high school he often took a leader-

ship role in group activities, and learned to help people one-on-one in tutoring groups such as National Honor Society.

His hobbies include reading comic books and playing the banjo and disc golf.

Treasured memories for Leo include times spent as a member of the St. Joseph tennis team, "bringing the 'spoon' game to St. Joe my freshman year," and most of all, "making lifelong friendships."



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BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL

Valedictorian James Shea

Putting his faith into action "through numerous service opportunities" and having the sacraments available on a regular basis, James Joseph Shea, valedictorian of Bishop Dwenger's Class of 2017, said he knows his Catholic high school experience has given him so much for his future.

"My Catholic education has taught me meaningful life lessons, and instilled values in me that will help me succeed in college and in life and stay true in my faith," said James.



JAMES SHEA

He will graduate with a 4.524 GPA. A member of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Fort Wayne, he plans to attend Purdue University in West Lafayette, majoring in actuarial science.

During his time at Bishop Dwenger he played baseball all four years, participated in Spanish Club and was part of the National Honor Society.

In his spare time, he enjoys "working out, playing video games and playing sports," as well as reading and watching documentaries.

Looking back on his high school experience, James noted that his most treasured memories are the four baseball seasons he was able to spend with his teammates, "and the friendships I've nurtured over the years at Bishop Dwenger."

Salutarian Kyle Weingartner

Kyle Weingartner, salutarian of the Bishop Dwenger High School Class of 2017, said that while some people choose not to discuss such topics as religion with friends and family, he thinks that such talks bring everyone strength.

"Challenging, even uncomfortable discussions and debates are important for one's formation in faith, and they have empowered me to defend my church and my faith to a sometimes-hostile society," said Kyle.

He noted that attending a Catholic high school helped him in so many ways.

"Catholic school provides an



KYLE
WEINGARTNER

environment for a close community, united by a common cause. We share more than a mascot — our faith is what drives us together," he said, adding "my faith and my worldview have been shaped through my theology classes."

In addition to earning a 4.503 GPA, Kyle was part of the Bishop Dwenger tennis team, the Academic Team Science Olympiad and National Honor Society.

Outside of academics he enjoys playing piano, "though I don't play as much as I should." He also enjoys playing video games and is a "pretty big tennis fan."

Some of his most memorable times were spent on "hot and humid days on the tennis courts; then there were our post-match dinners!" he said enthusiastically.

Kyle will attend the University of Notre Dame, majoring in math.

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Jer 29:11

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

**Co-Valedictorian
Alex Kokot**

The Catholic school experience gives a person so much more than some may realize, said Alex Kokot, co-valedictorian for the Marian High School Class of 2017.



ALEX KOKOT

“So many schools provide a great education, but in Catholic schools in particular you are invited to share what you learn in a way that benefits those around you,” noted Alex, who will graduate with a 4.598 GPA. He said he loves helping others. “Being able to share what I know about mathematics has

not only been a great experience to teach people who are so willing to learn, but has also helped me to develop too.” Alex also held a paid position outside school as a Mathnasium tutor, where he helped teach students with pre-algebra to calculus levels of ability.

Besides his tutoring job and school Alex worked with the Burns Research Group, researching actinide chemistry; as a volunteer, which he plans to also do over the summer.

Other extracurricular activities included serving as a St. Pius Mass instrumentalist, South Bend Symphony Orchestra trombonist and being part of the Marian mock trial and soccer programs. He remembers with happiness one particular memory from a pre-game moment his junior year, as a soccer defender,

that will be hard to forget.

“The field was lit-up under the big lights, the first snow of the season just started coming down and we played not only our best game of the season, but against one of the toughest teams we had faced,” he noted.

In spare moments, Alex said that he enjoys “always keeping a close eye on soccer, particularly on the teams across the country.”

He is enthusiastically looking forward to attending Notre Dame, and what that experience will bring as a mathematics and engineering major.

“Looking towards the future, there is so much still to learn; and no matter how exciting yet terrifying that may sound, I know that I can grow to become somebody who can do so much more than I can today,” he said.

**Salutatorian
Kathryn Meyers**

BY CLAIRE KENNEY

Following her graduation from Marian High School in Mishawaka this month, Salutatorian Kathryn Meyers is headed to Purdue University. She plans to major in environmental or civil engineering.



KATHRYN MEYERS

With a GPA totaling 4.565, Kathryn ranks second in her class. During her high school career she was involved in a variety of activities, including forming part of the theater stage crew, mock trial team and liturgical choir. She also tutored, helped with Catechesis of the Good

Shepherd and held the role of neighborhood pet sitter.

Her involvement in high school activities led to many fond memories, she said, mainly because of the friends she met through that involvement.

“I think my most treasured memories of high school all surround the amazing friends I have met here. They made these memories, and my time in high school, amazing.”

Kathryn believes that a Catholic education contributed to her comprehensive formation.

“I think Catholic education lends more focus on a holistic formation of the student. You’re not just your GPA or the number on the back of your jersey,” she said. “You’re a person deeply cared about by your teachers, coaches and chaplain. It’s so evident they are rooting for you and want you to succeed.”

In her free time Kathryn enjoys drawing, reading, spending time with her family and friends, and walks.

**Co-Valedictorian
Abigale Wood**

Abigale Wood, co-valedictorian of the Class of 2017 at Marian High School, Mishawaka, plans to attend Notre Dame as a pre-professional science major with plans of later attending pharmacy school as a graduate student, to become a pharmacist.



ABIGALE WOOD

Her interests and activities include indoor and sand volleyball, drawing and keeping up with fashion trends, as well as “searching for the perfect caramel latte.”

While at Marian she participated in volleyball, track and Network Volleyball her freshman year; her sophomore year she was part of the 2015 regional champions Marian volleyball team as well as track and Network Volleyball. Her junior

year, Abigale was on the Marian volleyball team again as well as the Irish Select Volleyball team, which was 2016 MVA Spring Kick-Off champion. Her senior year she kept busy not only with studies, but was again part of Marian volleyball and Irish Select volleyball. During the year she was co-captain for Marian volleyball as well as a 2017 Coaches Award recipient and the IHSAA Academic All-State Northern Indiana All-Star champion; second team All-NIC and Penn Station Athlete of the Year. She was part of the All-Diocesan Team, 2017 school regional champions, NIC South champions and St. Joe Tournament champions.

School activities and clubs she took part in her freshman year included Vincentians, Latin Club, Art Club, Ambassadors Club and the Mayor’s Youth Council, and she was an altar server at St. Bavo Church. Her sophomore year Abigale took part in all the same groups; she also was an advisor for the Art Club. The following year she was secretary for

the Art Club, a position she held again her senior year; she acted as chairwoman of special events for the Mayor’s Youth Council, became a student researcher at the Harper Cancer Research Center at Notre Dame, was a Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership participant and part of the National Honor Society.

Her senior year, she again participated in the Vincentians, Ambassadors Club and Latin Club; she became Mayor’s Youth Council president, was the National Honors Society treasurer and a server at her church.

Out of all of Abigale’s experiences at Marian, one stands out vividly.

“My best memory of Marian was my senior night for volleyball. It was such a special moment, being surrounded by my family and all the friends I have made at Marian while playing the sport that I love so much.”

Her favorite quote about education comes from Aristotle: “Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”

NORTH MANCHESTER JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH

**Valedictorian
Hallie Sorg**

North Manchester Junior-Senior High School Valedictorian Hallie Sorg, a member of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, said that looking back, school trips definitely had to be “one of my favorite things from high school.”



HALLIE SORG

“Two such trips that stand out to me are the physics class trip to Disneyland and the AP environmental science trip to the Everglades in Florida,” said

Hallie, who will graduate with a 4.2609 GPA.

In order to put her faith into action during high school, Hallie participated in many service activities such as Sharing and Caring events during Christmas, volunteering at the Harvest Festival petting zoo, and her favorite, making tie blankets for Riley Children’s Hospital.

Her extracurricular activities included soccer, volleyball, softball, track, Student Council, FFA, Key Club, Spanish Club and Science Olympiad. She was a member of the St. Bellarmine choir, was an orientation mentor and a member of Youth for Christ and the St. Robert’s Catholic Church Youth Group. Hallie was on the Crossroads Bank junior board of directors; she was a member of the honor society, studied at the Terri Eckert School of Dance and participated in the CIVIC Volleyball Club, Summit City Stealth Travel Softball Team and FunFest 5K.

Outside of those groups and activities, Hallie enjoys reading, playing games outside with her siblings and neighbors, doing crafts and learning about other cultures.

Working as a housekeeper at Oakwood Resort taught her to work well with others, she said, explaining that she worked with adults who were in the U.S. on a work visa from another country. She also babysat to earn money, adding that the experience taught her “to always be prepared, and how to be flexible and patient with changing situations.”

Hallie plans to major in biology and chemistry, with a focus in pre-medicine, at Manchester University.

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Saint Pius X Parish
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all of this year's high school valedictorians, salutatorians, and graduates!

NEW HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Valedictorian Hannah Summers

New Haven High School Valedictorian Hannah Summers is extremely grateful that she kept her faith at the forefront, no matter where she went to school or what she was doing.

"I'm so glad to have received a Catholic education starting at a young age, because it has helped me keep God at the center of my life and made my faith the most important part of my life. Even as I went on to a public high school, the things I learned in a Catholic grade school stuck with me," said Hannah, who is a parishioner at St. John the Baptist in New Haven.

Ranking first out of 185 students, with a 4.0 GPA, Hannah was very busy not only with her studies, but she was also involved in extracurricular activities. She was a Key Club member, Student Council representative and yearbook editor, and also served as vice president for Students Against Drunk Driving and National Honor Society. Outside of school, she took time to volunteer with the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

She immensely enjoyed all the work she was able to do with so many faith-filled people, she commented.

"Through things like Key Club I have been able to volunteer throughout the school and our community, to help those in need. I also have surrounded myself with a great group of friends who share the same love for God as me. We pray together at lunch and talk about our faith together," said Hannah.

Of her high school experience memories, she most loved "being with all my friends and going to all the Friday night football games," she said with a smile.

Hannah plans to attend Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne with an intended major of nursing.

While she hasn't held a paid, part-time work position during her high school years, Hannah did help care for her mother.

"My mom became sick with cancer shortly before my senior year, so I've spent a lot of this year helping take care of her," said Hannah. Her mother is currently holding her own against the disease.



**HANNAH
SUMMERS**

BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL

Valedictorian Vanessa Schwieterman

Having a job while attending high school at Bishop Luers High School for all four years was worth it for what it brought her for the future, said Bishop Luers Valedictorian Vanessa Schwieterman, who will study at Indiana University as a biology major. She plans to go on to study medicine.

"It (working) helped me to hone my time management skills and strengthen my work ethic," she noted, referring to her experience working at two different restaurants as a waitress. She currently works at The Country Post in Huntington and attends St. Joseph Church, Roanoke.

Vanessa not only worked



**VANESSA
SCHWIETERMAN**

and kept up a good GPA, but was also involved in extra-curricular activities including Journalism, the World Culture Club, student council, the Future Business Leaders of America and National Honors Society.

Favorite memories from her four years at high school include bake-off tournaments in journalism, school dances and football games.

Hobbies and interests that she found time for include reading, watching sports and movies, writing, swimming, "hanging out with friends," shopping, laser tag and fish-keeping.

The 4.3606-GPA senior said that attending a Catholic high school allowed her to grow "not only academically, but also allowed me to practice and strengthen my relationship with Christ."

"My high school experience allowed me to put my faith into action by offering so many opportunities for service, both in school and in the community,"

Salutatorian Abby Ulman

Bishop Luers High School Salutatorian Abby Nicole Ulman, who has a 4.3401 GPA, thinks attending a Catholic school can give a person much more than just academics.

"The values that are reinforced in every classroom promote self-confidence, compassion and respect within each student," Abby said, adding that Catholic schools also help to "emphasize leadership in students" in many ways.

"Whether it is leading prayer in class or ministering at Mass, high school has allowed me to practice my faith," she added.

At Bishop Luers she was part of the National Honors Society,



ABBY ULMAN

acting as treasurer; and also served as treasurer for the FBLA. Abby also comprised part of the tennis and soccer programs, was in Key Club, World Culture Club and Academic Super Bowl. Outside of school she was a server, extraordinary minister of holy Communion and proclaimer of the Word at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Church, Fort Wayne.

"I especially enjoy hanging out with my friends and gardening," said Abby, who also loves to travel and has dreams to do more traveling during college and after.

She will attend Purdue University as a biomedical engineering and political science double major; she plans to go on to either medical school or law school after getting her undergraduate degree.

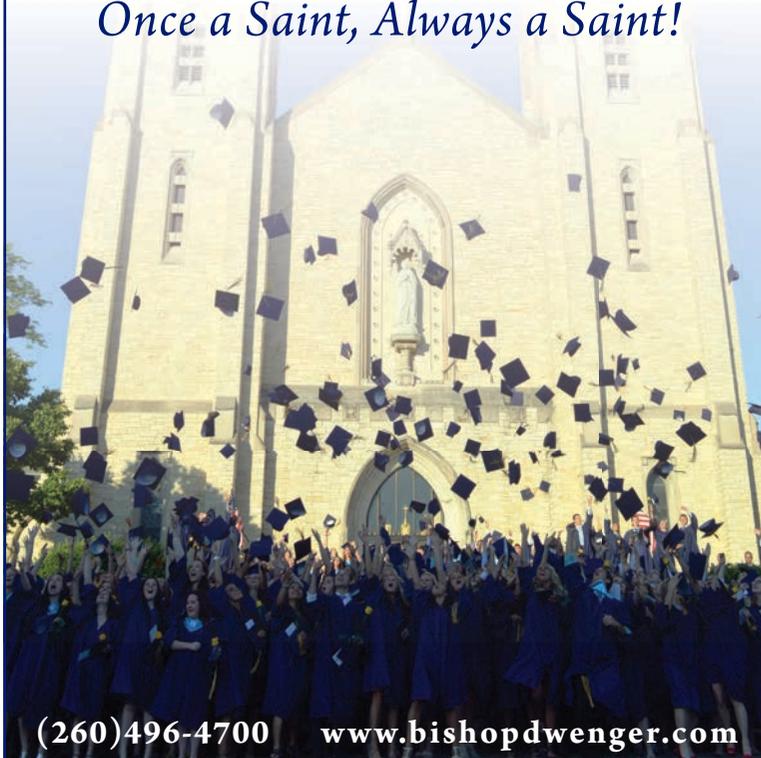


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Salutarian Justin Rudecki

Senior Justin James Rudecki, salutarian at the Indiana Academy of Science, Mathematics and Humanities in Muncie and a member of St. Patrick Church, Walkerton, thinks that while some experiences in life, particularly during the high school years, may be hard, they help shape, mold and strengthen students as individuals.



JUSTIN RUDECKI

"High school has given me many indispensable experiences that, though they were not all kind and gentle, have put me in a much better place than I would have been without them," he said.

Justin will graduate with a 4.11 GPA. He also found time to be a member of the JROTC, Rifle Team, Cyber Patriots and Raider Corps at Culver Military Academy during his first two years of high school.

His fun memories from high school were made from "simple tales of hanging around with the other men at the military academy," he said. He also enjoyed hobbies including drawing, building personal computers, playing video games and cards with friends, and strumming on his guitar.

During the summer, Justin had a job at Triple J Machining. There, he learned the "life and work of a typical machine shop," he said, explaining further that he "mostly ran machines and did menial labor; but it was a very valuable experience."

Having knowledge of the Catholic faith is a necessity for life, he expressed. "How it effects every aspect of our lives is just invaluable, and absolutely necessary for a faithful life," said Justin. He plans to attend Purdue University and major in mechanical engineering.

'Ignited!' conference fans the fire of faith



High school students from across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend came together at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, May 5-7 for three days of prayer, fellowship and fun at the Ignited! retreat.



Photos by Derby Photography

Father Andrew Curry, pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine Church in North Manchester, leads the students in prayer and adoration on Saturday night.

Brouwer receives Scoutmaster of the Year honor

BY VINCE LABARBERA

Johnathan Brouwer recently was named Scoutmaster of the Year of the Miami District, serving the southern half of Allen County including parts of Fort Wayne, New Haven, Monroeville and all of Aboite Township. The district is one of six in the Anthony Wayne Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, serving 11 Northeast Indiana counties.

Scoutmaster of Troop 19 at St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, Brouwer is involved in the council and the district, helping mentor others and training scoutmasters.

Born in Fort Wayne, Brouwer never was active in scouting as a youngster; but he did participate in Indian Guides, a YMCA program that reinforces awareness of nature, community and family ties. His brother was an outdoor education major at Indiana University, so every summer young Brouwer accompanied him to several camps.

Brouwer earned a bachelor of arts degree in communications from Purdue University and an associate's degree in computer management from Ivy

Tech University. Initially he was involved in the arts, appearing in shows with the civic theater and IPFW in Fort Wayne. In 1995 he met his future wife, Margaret, who also participated in theater. They married in 1996 and moved to Boca Raton, Fla., where their sons Gareth and Sean were born.

He has worked in many fields and businesses, including feature films, production and research companies, and media groups; he even ran a school-lunch program for two years. "My longest, continuous job has been as a scoutmaster," he quipped. The couple returned to Fort Wayne in the late 1990s.

Brouwer and his sons got involved with the Cub Scouts at St. John in 1999, following a parish open house and after witnessing the good scouting can accomplish in youngsters. In 2000, he assumed the scoutmaster post at the parish. "Few parishes still charter a BSA troop," he added. "In fact, Troop 19 is the oldest, continuous troop in the region."

Unlike the Cub Scouts, which are parent led, the Boy Scouts are boy-led, Brouwer explained.

"And that's a big challenge sometimes. Often, someone will ask me what it's like to be a



Photos provided by Johnathan Brouwer

Johnathan Brouwer, center, named Miami District's Scoutmaster of the Year, stands with District Commissioner Bob Fast, left, and District Chairman Dan Soloman, after receiving the award.

scoutmaster: I tell them it's like herding cats or getting pecked by a bunch of ducks. They all start 'quacking' and want attention. I have to get them organized and headed in the same direction. Parents often want to step in and correct the boys, and that's when I say, 'Let 'em go, they'll get it!' Sometimes it's maddening, because it takes forever to do something. But I try to give them the tools to be good leaders and then bump them back on the path if they stray."

Two Catholic awards are a vital part of Troop 19's agenda. The Ad Altare Dei is a program developed by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting for scouts of the Catholic faith. Its purpose is to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person by encouraging him to actively live out his Catholic Christian faith. "Our six Eagle Award winners enrolled in the AAD program together and accomplished the award in six months," said Brouwer.

In addition, the Pope Pius XII Award is a program developed by the NCCS also for Catholic

scouts. It's vocation-based and designed for high school- and college-age youth. "For a Catholic scout to earn those two awards is very important to us," Brouwer emphasized.

"A scoutmaster is not a singular person, but a combination of all the adult leaders in our troop," Brouwer said. The more we can work together as a team the more successful the troop is going to be. This award is not about me, it's about the past leaders and the awesome adults in our troop. A troop is not just one individual, it's the whole troop — the scouts and the adults, working together and having fun. In fact, that's the whole point of all the regimentation — having fun!"

"I'm not ready to give it up yet," said Brouwer. "Scouting is very rewarding for me. I enjoy it immensely. It's been a constant in my life for the past 16 years. My greatest achievement is seeing the boys — the young men — learn and take what they've learned to encourage and guide others."



Troop 19 at Camp Chief Little Turtle in 2016.

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Allen County

Focusing on stewardship: St. Jude Parish

BY DEB WAGNER

From 1925 to 1927, Catholic residents of Lakeside and Kensington Addition in Fort Wayne began showing a strong interest in seeing a new parish established. These residents felt that the five miles between them and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception or St. Mary Mother of God Church, downtown, made a new church and parochial school necessary.



FATHER
JACOB RUNYON

In the spring of 1926, Bishop John Francis Noll authorized the formation of this new parish. On May 7, 1926, the diocese purchased five acres of land bounded by State Boulevard, Randallia Drive, Forest Avenue and Pemberton Drive. This acreage constitutes the present St. Jude Parish Square.

The building project was entrusted to Father Thomas M. Conroy, rector of the cathedral. On his recommendation, the new parish was dedicated to St. Jude the Apostle, not to be confused with Judas Iscariot. Bishop Noll dedicated the school and a chapel on March 3, 1929. The next day, the Sisters of Providence opened the doors of the new school to 105 children in four grades.

There was much development over the next month.



A bronze statue of St. Jude was created by parishioner and local artist Frank Bougher. The statue was dedicated at the Fort Wayne parish on the feast of St. Jude, Oct. 28, 2014. At right, Eaglemania, a celebration of the St. Jude identity, will take place on June 2 this year.



Photos provided by Heather Cisz

Bishop Noll formally established the parish as St. Jude Church, appointing Father John A. Dapp as its first pastor. Father Dapp then celebrated the first Mass in the chapel. By August of 1929, ground had been broken for a temporary rectory, at a cost of \$13,500, on the northwest corner of Pemberton and Forest Avenue. School opened that September with eight grades and 293 pupils. Father Dapp moved into the rectory the next year.

The parish received the gift of a bell from the John Dehner family, which was hung in the south tower of the school and rung for

the first time for the Angelus on Christmas Eve, 1933.

By 1935 the parish had grown rapidly. School enrollment had reached 345 children, and it quickly became obvious that the chapel, which seated only 260 people, was too small. Plans commenced to build a church adjoining the east side of the school, which Bishop Noll dedicated on Thanksgiving Day in 1935.

In November 1946, Father Charles F. Girardot was appointed pastor of St. Jude, succeeding then-Msgr. Dapp. In November 1948, the sisters moved in a res-

idence on Kensington Boulevard to create more classrooms in the school.

When school opened on Sept. 4, 1957, the enrollment had reached 920. The staff consisted of 13 sisters and six lay teachers. Enrollment continued to be high, peaking at 964 children for the 1963-64 school year, guided by a staff of 14 sisters and nine lay teachers.

On Sept. 27, 1964, plans were announced to build a new church. Six months later, the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council were implemented at St. Jude: a new altar, made of Minnesota Red Granite, now occupies a prominent position in front of the old altar. The pews are arranged with the farthest pew only 60 feet away from the sanctuary, allowing the entire assembly to be gathered around the altar.

On Feb. 14, 1970, a Saturday night vigil Mass was celebrated for the first time in the renovated space, and on Palm Sunday, March 22, 1970, the Mass of Pope Paul VI — or the Roman Rite Mass, as it is known today — was used for the first time. On July 1, 1970, now-Msgr. Girardot retired and was succeeded by Msgr. J.

William Lester as pastor. Msgr. Girardot continued to live in the neighborhood until his death in 1974.

In August 1973, the Sisters of Providence, who had served St. Jude for 44 years, were replaced by the Sisters of Notre Dame, Toledo, Ohio. In 1978 Father Donald Isenbarger succeeded Msgr. Lester as pastor, until 1980, when Father John Pfister succeeded him.

On Oct. 30, 1984, St. Jude Parish opened a Perpetual Adoration Chapel in the former convent chapel. The Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day, and adorers are assigned to time slots day and night. It is a center of devotion for Fort Wayne Catholics. Since that date, there have been nearly a million hours of prayer said in the adoration chapel.

In July 1988, Father William Schooler was appointed the sixth pastor of St. Jude. Father Schooler introduced stewardship as a way of life to the parish in April 1989, with sacrificial giving — the giving of the first portion back to God in gratitude for what he has so generously given to his children.

In July 2001, Father Thomas R. Shoemaker was appointed the seventh pastor. In April 2004, the parish began a celebration of its 75th anniversary with a Mass and a May Crowning procession. In addition, a parish picnic was celebrated in August. The celebration concluded with a parish mission in October that featured speakers from among the priests and sisters who had been a part of the parish history. A nine-foot concert grand piano was donated to the parish dur-



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St. Charles Borromeo is an active, thriving parish

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

St. Charles Borromeo Church, on the city's north-east side, has 2,100 registered families. New pastor Father Tom Shoemaker has found the parish to be very welcoming. "I'm also impressed by the number of people coming for daily Mass and confessions, as well as rosaries and other devotions. This is a parish of prayer," he said.



FATHER THOMAS SHOEMAKER

St. Charles Borromeo Church was established in June 1957 by then-Bishop Leo A. Pursley as the 79th parish founded in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Father Edward I. Hession was named the first pastor of the church, and the first Mass was

celebrated there on Christmas Day, 1958. The next year, St. Charles School opened with an enrollment of 247 students.

Father Hession remained pastor at St. Charles for 29 years, then lived there in retirement. He was succeeded by Father John Suelzer, who served there for 30 years until his death in 2016. Both priests were invested as prelates of honor, with the title of monsignor, by Bishop John M. D'Arcy in 1995.

This year marks the parish's 60th anniversary, with only two pastors having led the faithful over its long history. There is also a strong tradition of continuity in its parish families. Father Shoemaker pointed out: "Many of our families have attended our school for three generations, and it's surprising to find how many parishioners remember events from the early days of the parish."

Another strong tradition at



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses the gathering area of St. Charles Borromeo Church after construction of the space, in January of 2016.

St. Charles is that of fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life. "St. Charles Borromeo was instrumental in founding a system of seminaries in the 16th century, and we

have taken on that focus as well," Father Shoemaker said. He cited an active vocation com-

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mittee, which keeps the focus strong. A prayer for vocations is also said at the end of each Mass. A vocation cross is taken home by a family each week; an annual bake sale provides funds for seminarians, and this year a special event also contributed to the Franciscan Brothers Minor seminary fund. A St. Charles bus trip transported parishioners to visit seminarians in Indianapolis and Emmitsburg, Md., and to tour the schools.

"We are seeing the fruits of all that focus this spring," Father Shoemaker said. Deacon Eric Burgener will be ordained a priest, Nathan Maskal will be ordained a deacon and Jacob Schneider has been accepted to begin seminary studies this fall. All three men are St. Charles parishioners.

Religious education at St. Charles is handled by co-directors Amy Johns and Lisa Schleinkofer, while Casey Ryan is coordinator of RCIA and adult formation classes. Johns said there are 100 students in the program, and she and Schleinkofer also assist with sacramental preparation at the school. "It's great working with the families," she said. "It's a blessing to be part of that program."

The music ministry at St. Charles rests in the hands of Karen Hope and Tim Robison. Father Shoemaker called attention to the adult choir, a children's choir, a handbell choir, a contemporary guitar group and many talented cantors as evidence of a musically active parish. And parishioners also "like

to participate," he said.

One of the largest organizations at St. Charles is the Rosary Society, headed up by co-presidents Kathy Yaggy and Mollie Blume. Though all parish women are considered members, said Blume, there are 120 active members of all ages. Activities include a bingo party for Byron Health Center residents in February and the annual Christ Child Festival at Franke Park in December. The members bake pies for the parish craft bazaar in November and provide funeral dinners for the parish. Kathy Seaver heads up that effort.

The men of St. Charles stay active with the K of C, said president Steve Lutz. Knights of Columbus Council 451, established in 1899, was the first in Fort Wayne and the second in the entire state of Indiana. The council found a permanent home at St. Charles Parish just two years ago and boasts a membership of 455, with many coming from other parishes in the area. "Our purpose and goal is to be the right hand of the priests," said Lutz.

A hallmark of St. Charles Borromeo Parish is its Catholic school, headed up by 16-year principal Robert Sordelet. With more than 700 students in kindergarten through eighth grade, it is accredited by both the state of Indiana and nationally by AdvancEd.

"We have a reputation of graduating students who are well rounded academically, physically and spiritually, and who are prepared to meet the challenges of high school," said Sordelet.

He continued: "In addition to sound curricular offerings, our fine arts and athletic programs further offer students broad opportunities for participation, education and development.

The success of these programs is a credit to our instructors and parent volunteers who work so effectively with our young people." The principal also credits a strong and visionary school board, along with a dedicated Home and School Association, for helping to further the best interests of students, parents, teachers and staff.

"We are a Christ-centered Catholic school, faithful to the church and to the development of the souls of our young and old alike" said Sordelet.

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ing the jubilee year.

According to Heather Cisz, who is responsible for communications and stewardship at the parish, "We have many families that have their third or fourth generation as parishioners and going to our school. Many families have moved into the neigh-

borhood just to be close to the parish. There is a real feeling of community and of people pulling together here. Our pastor, Father Jacob Runyon, was baptized at St. Jude as an infant and our principal, Mike Obergfell, has been a parishioner his whole life, went to our school and is now the principal."

Father Runyon was assigned to St. Jude on Aug. 1, 2013, as its eighth pastor, succeeding Father Shoemaker, who is currently pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish.

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Pride, humility and social media

On a recent trip to Sacramento, from my home base in the LA area, I flew Southwest Airlines. In an idle moment, I reached for the magazine in the seatback pocket and commenced to leaf through it. I came across an article by a woman named Sarah Menkedick titled "Unfiltered: How Motherhood Interrupted My Relationship with Social Media." The piece was not only wittily and engagingly written, it also spoke to some pretty profound truths about our cultural situation today and the generation that has come of age under the influence of the Internet.

She argues that to have swum in the sea of Instagram, Facebook, Pinterest and YouTube from the time that one was a child was to live one's life perpetually in front of an audience. Most millennials never simply had experiences; they were conditioned to record, preserve and present those experiences to a following who were invited to like what they saw, to comment on it, to respond to it. To be sure, she acknowledges, the social media, at their best, are powerful means of communication and connection: but at their worst, they produce this odd distanciation from life and a preoccupation with the self. Here is how Menkedick puts it: "I've come of age as a writer at a time when it is no longer enough just to write. A writer must also promote her work, and in the process promote herself as a person of interest... I learned the snarky, casually intellectual voice of feminist and pop culture bloggers, the easy outrage, the clubby camaraderie."

But then something extraordinary happened to the author: She became a mother. On the front porch of her home, nursing her baby, she discovered that she had a visceral aversion to snark and absolutely no desire to share her experience with an audience or curry favor from it. She didn't want to cultivate any ironic distance from motherhood; rather, she wanted to believe in it with all her heart, to let it wash over her. "Before I had a child, I took it for granted that no intellectual writer-type could ever be taken seriously were she to cave into conventional sentiment. As a mother, I was swept away by these huge, ancient, universal emotions I'd previously dismissed as uncomplicated." Her baby, in a word, broke through the carapace of her self-regard and let in some real light. Again, granting all that is truly good about social media (which I use massively in my own ministry), they can easily produce the conviction that we are the stars of our own little dramas, always playing for an eager audience. Authentic spirituality always gives rise to the opposite conviction: your life is not about you.

To grasp this distinction more completely, let me propose two scenarios to you. In the first, you are engaged in conversation with someone that you desperately want (or need) to impress: say, a prospective employer or a popular figure whose friendship you crave. In this context, you are indeed speaking, listening, laughing, looking pensive, etc., but more importantly, you are watching yourself perform these moves and you are exquisitely



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attentive to the reaction of your interlocutor. Is she laughing at your jokes? Does she look bored? Did your witticism land effectively in her consciousness? The point is that you are not really experiencing reality directly, but rather through a sort of veil. It is as though you are looking at a beautiful landscape, but through a foggy window.

Now a second scenario: you are in lively conversation with a friend, and there is no ulterior motive, no egotistic preoccupation. You become quickly lost in the discussion; following the argument where it leads; laughing when you are truly amused; watching your partner, but not in order to see how she's reacting to you, but just because she's interesting. In this case, you are immersed in reality; you are looking at the landscape through a clear pane of glass, taking in its colors and textures in all of their vividness.

Now, to use the language of the classical moral and spiritual tradition, the first situation I described is marked through and through by pride, and the second by humility. Don't think of pride, first and foremost, as self-exaltation, which is, in fact, but a face or consequence of pride. In its

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The blessings of Father Solanus Casey

Father Solanus Casey once said, "If we only try to show the dear Lord a good will and ask him for resignation to the crosses he sends or permits to come our way, we may be sure that sooner or later they will turn out to have been just so many blessings in disguise."

A Capuchin Friar who served in New York and Detroit in the first half of the 20th century, Father Solanus Casey came to be known as a wonderworker during his lifetime for the amazing results of the prayers he offered to God on behalf of those he served. In her book, "Nothing Short of a Miracle," Patricia Treece recounts the story of Elizabeth Fanning of Dearborn, Mich., a 16-month-old baby in 1940 who was dying of leukemia. With no other options, her parents took her to see Father Solanus, who was a 70-year-old priest of Detroit at the time.

When the Fannings arrived at St. Bonaventure's Franciscan Capuchin monastery in Detroit, Father Solanus greeted them at the door. Describing their first impression of him, Treece writes, "The Franciscan who greets them so warmly wears the Capuchin brown robe, its pointed hood thrown back on his skinny shoulders. In spite of his untrimmed white beard, the old priest has the shining face of a happy child, his blue eyes as innocent as their baby's."

Father Solanus told Elizabeth's parents that the only thing that would stop the power of God was their own doubt and fear. He encouraged them to

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have confidence and to thank God ahead of time for whatever blessings they will receive. Father Solanus spoke with Elizabeth for a few minutes and then said to her, "You're going to be alright, Elizabeth."

Elizabeth had been near death, listless and emaciated, but on the ride home she perked up and soon was full of life. In the days and weeks that followed, it became evident that she had been healed of leukemia, and the disease never returned. Treece writes, "In the late 1960s, when Betsy's mother was interviewed by James Patrick Derum for his book on Father Solanus, 'The Porter of Saint Bonaventure's,' Mrs. Fanning recalled: 'When I brought her back to the doctors, they were incredulous. She looked so different — healthy, lively, and her once wispy, lifeless hair was now curly.'" She recalls the doctors exclaiming, "That's not Betsy!"

This is just one of the many miraculous instances surrounding the life of Father Solanus Casey. Having been ordained

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The Holy Spirit will strengthen us to live in him



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Sixth Sunday of Easter John 14:15-21

The Acts of the Apostles once again this Easter season furnishes the first reading. In the readings of the weekends earlier in this season, the identity of the apostles clearly has been established.

In a critically important revelation, the apostles exercised the very power of Jesus in naming a new member of their group, Matthias, to succeed the dead Judas. With power held by Jesus, Peter healed the sick. On behalf of the apostles, Peter spoke as Jesus had spoken.

Clearly, the apostles discharged the divine power that

had belonged to Jesus, and they continued the mission of Jesus the Redeemer. They had been the Lord's specially selected students and companions, but in Acts they possessed a unique role themselves.

Through them, the Lord continued the mission of salvation. They bore within themselves the Holy Spirit, and they gave the Holy Spirit to others.

While Acts already has established that Peter was the head of the apostles, the character of apostle belonged not just to him. It was also with the others.

Thus, in this reading, the central figures are Philip and John. They performed miracles as Jesus had performed miracles, having been sent by the apostles to Samaria. Their destination reveals much. They looked to the salvation of all people, even of Samaritans, whom Jews so despised. No one was beyond the scope of salvation in Jesus. No one was inherently bad, beyond redemption.

The second reading is from the First Epistle of Peter. It is a

strong, joyful and enthusiastic proclamation of Jesus as Lord, calling believers to hear the Lord and to follow the Lord. The Lord should be in their hearts and minds.

St. John's Gospel is the source of the last reading. Not a Resurrection narrative, it nonetheless serves the church's purpose as it teaches us this weekend. After celebrating the Resurrection for these weeks since Easter, the church gently is summoning us to look at our lives in these our times, occurring with circumstances particular to us and to our time.

This reading is our blueprint for life. Our task as disciples is to love others as Jesus loved all. It is clear. In God's love, given to us in the Lord, is our salvation. Indeed, the very act of giving us a blueprint for living is a vitally important gift given in love to us by God.

Reflection

The next major liturgical event for us will be the celebra-

tion of the feast of the Ascension of Jesus. Soon after this feast, we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost. Within sight now is the close of the Easter season.

For these weeks, the church enthusiastically has proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus, gloriously occurring after the dreadful events of Good Friday. It has shared with us its joy, echoing the joy of the first Christians. It has told us again and again of the risen Lord's appearances and admonitions.

The message is very strongly catechetical. Contact with Jesus was not lost with the ascension, when Jesus returned to the Father. Contact with the Lord remains very clearly in the visible, institutional church. The church offers us the service of the modern successors of Peter and the other apostles. He lives!

Through them we still hear the words of Christ. In the sacraments they give us, we still access the power of Christ's eternal life. We commune with Jesus.

Finally, in the reading from John's Gospel, the church tells us

how to live. We must love others.

Gently, gradually, but definitely, the church has entered, and pursued, the process of leading us to ask what the Resurrection deeply and really means for each of us individually.

Remaining for us is the obvious question. Are we willing to accept the risen Lord?

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

The 50-day party

If you can find it in your attic, open your old, pre-Vatican II missal, and look at the Sundays between Easter and Pentecost, which are titled "Sundays after Easter." Now look at a contemporary missal, or your current issue of *Magnificat*, and note the difference: those Sundays are now styled "Sundays of Easter." Three letters were lost in the transition from "after" to "of," but that subtraction represents a great recovery of liturgical insight.

I've had occasion to express my discontent with the post-conciliar liturgical calendar; anyone interested can find my complaints, and proposed fixes, in the chapter on liturgy in my book, "Evangelical Catholicism." But in this instance, the post-conciliar reform got it exactly right when the 1969 "General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar" explained the Easter season in these terms: "The 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one 'great Sunday.' These above all others are the days for the singing of the Alleluia" [22]. The idea of the Easter season as one, great, 50-day-long Sunday traces its origins to the eastern doctor of the church, Athanasius; its recovery today ought to help us appreciate the Easter season, and indeed the entire liturgical year, at greater depth.

The shift from Sundays after Easter to Sundays of Easter is so evocative because that small change in preposition tells us that Easter is not something that happens for 24 hours and ends when the leftover ham and chocolate bunnies are put away after dinner. Rather, Easter is one continuous 50-day feast, one

"great Sunday," and it should be lived that way, with as much revelry as possible.

The 50-day party, properly catechized and preached, also gives the church an annual opportunity to reflect on its own birth. For the church is born of Easter faith, which begins with the encounter with the Risen One. And that encounter changes everything. Meeting the risen Lord, the church begins to live the life of the kingdom within history, as the Resurrection restores history to its proper course. Recognizing the risen Lord in the breaking open of the Scriptures and the breaking of bread, the church experiences the New Life – life in the messianic era, here and now. Receiving the Holy Spirit, at the "Johannine Pentecost" recounted on Divine Mercy Sunday and on the 50th day of the "great Sunday," the Church is sent into the world on mission, proclaiming the Gospel and the forgiveness of sins.

In the ancient Church, these 50 days were the time of mystical catechesis during which the newly baptized catechumens were drawn deeper into the church's sacraments and their full meaning, which could only be grasped after the sacrament of "illumination," baptism. And if Lent (the last lap for the ancient catechumens) is an annual opportunity for each of us to re-enter the catechumenate and ponder anew the basics of the faith through the three great catechumenal Gospel readings (Jesus and the woman at the well; Jesus and the man born blind; the raising of Lazarus), then Easter, considered as one 50-day "great Sunday," offers each of us the opportunity to reflect on the commission to be missionary disciples we were given at baptism, and to which



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

we pledged ourselves anew at the Easter renewal of baptismal promises.

How many Catholics imagine that the liturgical year is a kind of happenstance, things occurring when and how they do in a more-or-less random way? Too many, perhaps, and that's especially true of the Easter season, which also gets cultural short shrift because of the dominance of Christmas and "the holidays." All the more reason then, for preaching during the "great Sunday" to stress the 50-day party as the pivot of the church's entire year of grace, to which all that comes before points, and from which all that follows flows.

Substituting the Apostles Creed for the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed on the Sundays of Easter, for which the rubrics provide, is another good way to highlight the distinctiveness of the Easter season. For the Apostles Creed is the baptismal creed of the Roman Catholic Church, and the 50-day party is, preeminently, a celebration of the saving grace of baptism.

Party on.

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tion and dislocation that we traditionally call pride. What made all the difference for her was the arrival of her baby, in all of his densely-textured reality — a reality that she could appropriate only through humility.

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comparison to his confidence in the grace of God.

Pope John Paul II declared Father Solanus venerable in 1995, recognizing his life as being worthy of study and emulation. So pray with confidence for the intercession of Father Solanus Casey on your own journey to know Christ and trust God more completely.

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most proper nature, pride is seeing the world through the distorting lens of the ego and its needs. On the other hand, humility, from the Latin "humus" (earth), is getting in touch with reality directly, being close to the ground, seeing things as they

are. This is why Thomas Aquinas famously says "humilitas est veritas" (humility is truth). What makes the first scenario so painful and cringe-worthy is that it is out of step with the truth of things. What makes the second scenario so exhilarating, so fun, is that it is full of reality.

What Sarah Menkedick intuited was the manner in which the social media environment can be a breeding ground for the unique type of spiritual distur-

humility for him to accept this role but that he came to see it as a blessing because his ministry grew out of his amazing availability as the friar whose job it was to greet people at the door.

Our Christopher News Note Building a Relationship with Jesus states, "Our relationship with Jesus must be one of continual interior connection." It is clear from the life he lived that Father Solanus understood this truth. He understood that his status in life meant nothing in

LIGHT

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a priest simplex (a priest with reduced capacity due to gaps in his education), Father Solanus served as a porter in the Capuchin order, answering the door of the monasteries where he was stationed. Treece points out that it took a great deal of

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for May 21, 2017

John 14:15-21

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A: Promises from the risen Lord. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

LOVE ME	KEEP	ASK
FATHER	ANOTHER	ADVOCATE
TO BE WITH YOU	THE SPIRIT	OF TRUTH
BECAUSE	NEITHER SEE	BE IN YOU
ORPHANS	A LITTLE	WHILE
SEE ME	I LIVE	THAT DAY
BE LOVED	REVEAL	MYSELF

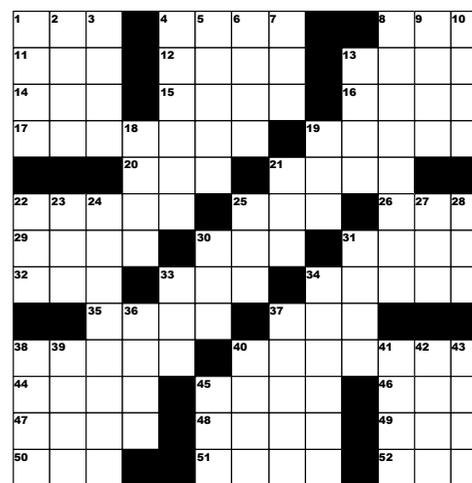
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May 21 and Ascension 2017



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Based on readings: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; Jn 14: 15-21 & Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

ACROSS

- 1 Slang for "modern"
- 4 Sins
- 8 Accountant
- 11 "___ Maria"
- 12 What drips
- 13 St. ___ of Sweden
- 14 Abbr. for Book of Samuel
- 15 See
- 16 Brand-new
- 17 Shirt parts
- 19 Cleans off
- 20 Animal doctor
- 21 Corporation (abbr.)
- 22 Mischievous
- 25 Bishop's area
- 26 Short name for Elizabeth

DOWN

- 29 Wrote to Ephesians
- 30 Cow speak
- 31 Broad lake
- 32 Punching tool
- 33 Old-fashioned Dads
- 34 "Come to me all you who are heavily ___"
- 35 Easter plant
- 37 "The kingdom of ___"
- 38 Comedian Jack ___
- 40 Ease of speech
- 44 "The ___ of your hearts"
- 45 Billions of years
- 46 Shade tree
- 47 Devil put Job to this
- 48 Floating ice
- 49 Women's Air Corps

- 50 Advertisements
- 51 Eye infection
- 52 Resort hotel

DOWN

- 1 Catholic worship service
- 2 President's office
- 3 Districts of ancient Attica
- 4 Twelve minus Judas
- 5 Set to zero
- 6 Knocks
- 7 Disciples were looking up into this
- 8 Apostles healed the paralyzed and ___
- 9 Evergreen tree
- 10 ___ of the Apostles
- 13 Arab ruler
- 18 Sinister
- 19 "___ to you rich"
- 21 Executive
- 22 Environmental agency (abbr.)
- 23 Ten Commandments
- 24 "___ of the one who fills all"
- 25 Distress call
- 27 Anger
- 28 Type of Buddhism
- 30 Ascension month (2017)
- 31 Built
- 33 Layer
- 34 Cocktail bar
- 36 Institution (abbr.)
- 37 "The riches of ___"
- 38 Second Greek letter
- 39 Looked
- 40 God "put all things under his ___"
- 41 The Good ___
- 42 Applaud
- 43 Health club
- 45 Brake system

Answer Key can be found on page 19

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

WHAT'S HAPPENING carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send announcements at least two weeks prior to the event. View more Catholic events and submit new ones 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 the Today's Catholic advertising sales staff at 260-399-1449 to purchase space.

Music and dance concert

SOUTH BEND — Wings of Dawn dance company and composer Bryan Edington will present an evening of music and contemporary ballet Saturday, May 20, at 7 p.m. at Little Flower Church, 54191 N. Ironwood Rd. Wings of Dawn is the brainchild of Dr. Carolyn Hine-Edington, choreographer and dance teacher. Bryan Edington is a well-known guitarist and songwriter. Special guest Purest Green will appear as well, performing Celtic songs with beautiful harmonies. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for children 12 and under. Call 574-329-2977 for information.

Our Lady of Fatima events planned

MISHAWAKA — Queen of Peace Parish, 4508 Vistula Rd., will offer a Mass on the 13th of each month at various times for Our Lady of Fatima. There will be a carry in reception with a presentation or movie following Mass. A Queen of Heaven retreat will be June 9-11 at the church. More information and online retreat registration available at the website: www.queenofpeace.cc.

Healing Masses dates set

HUNTINGTON — A Mass for the Sick, in the name of venerable Father Solanus Casey, who prayed at the St. Felix Friary, 1280 Mitzfield St., will be held at St. Felix at 1 p.m. May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21 and Nov. 18. All are invited to attend. This Mass is handicapped accessible.

St. Vincent and Missoula children's theatre to present 'Gulliver's Travels'

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul Parish students will perform "Gulliver's Travels" in the parish hall, 1502 E. Wallen Rd., on

Saturday, May 20. Performances are at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Children eighth grade and under are free.

'Catholic Night' at Tincaps game to support Catholic Charities

FORT WAYNE — Celebrate Catholic Night on Saturday, July 22, at the TinCaps baseball game at Parkview Field. Game time is at 7:05 p.m. with Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church throwing out the first pitch. Order tickets by calling Vicki or Theresa at 260-422-5625 or by using the form found in parish bulletins. Only orders made through Catholic Charities will include a \$1 donation to Catholic Charities for every ticket sold. Tickets are \$8.

Notre Dame Children's Choir CD release tour announced

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame Children's Choir will perform a concert at St. Pius X Church, 52553 Fir Rd. in Granger, on Friday, June 9 at 7 p.m. The Chamber Choir, boys and girls ages 11-14, will perform in Granger; Bloomington; St. Louis, Mo.; Atchison, Kan.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Milwaukee, Wis.; and finish in Chicago, Ill., Saturday, June 17. All performances are free and open to the public. The University of Notre Dame Children's Choir is an ecumenical choral program for children from toddlers through high school. More information about NDCC may be found at sma.nd.edu

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Diocese observes 100th anniversary of Fatima apparitions

BY MARIAM SCHMITZ

On Saturday, May 13, about 500 people gathered at St. John the Baptist parish, Fort Wayne, for a special morning that kicked off the 100th anniversary celebration of the Fatima apparitions. A clear blue sky greeted the faithful as they arrived at the church, just hours after Pope Francis canonized two of the Fatima shepherd children, St. Francisco and St. Jacinta.

Mass began with the Bishop Luers High School choir raising their voices in song while a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, carried by four Franciscan Friars Minor, processed down the church's main aisle, flanked by Knights of Columbus standing at full attention. Three children dressed as the Fatima seers followed the statue. Servers, deacons, con-celebrating priests and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades rounded out the procession as the smell of incense slowly filled the church.

May 13, 1917, started off more simply for 10-year old Lucia dos Santos, 9-year old Francisco Marto and his sister, 7-year old Jacinta Marto. They were tending their family's sheep when they saw a bright flash of light and were subsequently greeted, for the first time, by Mary. It was also on this day that the shepherd children joyfully accepted their mission to bear sufferings in reparation for sins and as supplication for the conversion of sinners.

Bishop Rhoades focused on this first apparition in his homily. He noted the significance of the radiant light shining from Our Lady, which penetrated and comforted the souls of the children after they accepted their mission. "They had received the light of Christ's truth and love through the Blessed Mother, and they would spread that light. They would live as children of the light within the darkness of the world," he said.

Bishop Rhoades then reflected upon the astonishing way the children lived out their vocation and mission. "Francisco and Jacinta put into practice, in their very short lives, all that Our Lady taught them about prayer, sacrifice, suffering and reparation. Lucia would too, for the next 87 years of her life." Francisco, he said, "had the Holy Spirit's gift of piety and was so fervent in his prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament."

Jacinta, the younger sister of Francisco, was so incredibly impacted by the vision of hell in the third apparition that "she offered herself completely for the salvation of souls. This little girl, who died at the age of 9, reached the heights of sanctity." Lastly, he pointed out the request Our Lady made at all six Fatima apparitions: to pray the rosary every day.

"Let's ask Our Lady, through the rosary, to pray for us as we strive to live as children of the light in the dramatic struggle between light and darkness, between good and evil. Two little children, now saints, show us the way: prayer and sacrifice and penance."

When Mass ended, the rosary was prayed while the holy Eucharist was exposed. The Fatima prayers and a consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary prayer followed. After Benediction, a Marian procession began outside the church and ended in the parish hall with coffee and donuts for everyone.

The diocesan division of the World Apostolate of Fatima worked with the diocese in planning the day's events. "It was a great celebration to mark the 100th anniversary of this incredible apparition that helped the world understand that God is real and to re-orient it back to Christ in simplicity and love and truth and goodness and beauty," said the division's spiritual director, Father Glenn Kohrman. Ida List, the division's president, added: "I was absolutely amazed at the hundreds of people filling the church. The Lord gave us such a beautiful and glorious day."

Among the faithful in attendance was a strong Franciscan presence, consisting of the Franciscan Friars Minor as well as the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

As part of the centennial celebration some parishes in the diocese will celebrate additional anniversary Masses on the 13th of each month, from June through October. The celebrations will include Mass, a talk on that month's apparition, the rosary, exposition and benediction, Fatima prayers, a Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary or a Marian procession. In addition, the Franciscan Friars Minor will make a walking pilgrimage, carrying a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, across the diocese Oct. 7-13. Look for details in *Today's Catholic* and at www.fatimafwsb.org.



On the weekend that Pope Francis canonized two of the children in Fatima, Portugal, to whom Mary appeared in 1917 and with whom she shared her message, the grateful gathered at St. John the Baptist Church, Fort Wayne, and commemorated the anniversary with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades (above and right).



Photos by Mollie Schutt

Bishop Rhoades receives the gifts from a young girl dressed as St. Jacinta.



A procession led by Our Lady of Fatima wound through the neighborhood surrounding St. John the Baptist Church following the anniversary Mass.



Bob List