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Three Men to Be Ordained Priests June 4

You don't need tickets to attend the ordination on June 4. Mass will begin at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Rockford. But if you can't go, you can watch the ordination live at www.rockforddiocese.org. But first, read the men's introductions.

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Brian McCaskey (center) of the Chicago Bears, chats with Relevant Radio's Garyn Coulson (left), marketing consultant, and Mike Kendall, chief programming officer.

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Congratulations Class of '16

(Photo provided)

Anthony Tinerella (left front), head of school and principal of Marmion Academy in Aurora, congratulates members of the Class of 2016 at graduation May 20. Tinerella is a member of Marmion's Class of

1984. The last graduation for Catholic high schools in the Rockford Diocese is June 3 at Marian Central Catholic High School in Woodstock. **Graduation salute, pages 11-18**

Bishop Remembers the Fallen

Memorial Day Masses Offered at Catholic Cemeteries

BY AMANDA HUDSON
News editor

ROCKFORD—The gathering at Calvary Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 30, was “for a very particular purpose,” said Bishop David Malloy after he processed into the tent amidst a comfortable crowd of people, many dressed in red, white, blue or a combination thereof.

Quoting a veteran friend's not-so-new



(Observer photos/Amanda Hudson)

After Mass, Bishop Malloy mingles with people, including Travis and Christine Cord and their infant son, John.

sentiment that Memorial Day is not properly honored but is instead celebrated as the beginning of the barbeque or beach season, the bishop called the Mass “a deeply good thing” as a combination of faith with the acknowledgement of the debt owed to all who have sacrificed their lives for the freedom enjoyed in our country.

“It is,” he said, “our great obligation and privilege to pray for the dead.”

Although such prayers were “no small part” of the Mass, Bishop Malloy pointed also to the payment of a debt owed to all who have died or been seriously injured in defense of our country. “We are the beneficiaries of that sacrifice,” he said, adding that the perhaps mixed, personal reasons for serving in the military don't take away from the honor due the soldiers from throughout U.S. history.

“Our prayers (for them) are not lessened nor diminished” by the complications of the reasons for war, he said, remembering those who suffered being away from home, who were afraid, and all who have died in wars anonymously, some still unknown.

“We keep talking also about freedom,” Bishop Malloy said before speaking about much of society's thought that freedom is about “doing whatever we like.”

Mentioning the threats to family and religious freedom, he noted that, “Liberty is hard won, but it is also hard defended among ourselves.”

Bishop Malloy concluded his thought by encouraging all to “remind ourselves of the grave obligation to stand up for freedom ... especially in our moral lives, in our families, in everything we do.”



Accompanied by Knights of Columbus, Bishop David Malloy processes toward a tent at Calvary Cemetery west of Rockford to say a Memorial Day Mass. It was one of several Masses celebrated at Catholic cemeteries throughout the Diocese of Rockford.



Forgiving Offenses Joins Us to God and Completes His Mercy

BY BISHOP DAVID J. MALLOY

Continuing our celebration of this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we have been reviewing the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy.

As we have seen, those are the concrete means that are part of our faith tradition for receiving and giving the mercy of Jesus.

So far, we have reflected on the first four Spiritual Works of Mercy: Instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, admonishing the sinner and bearing wrongs patiently.

The next Spiritual Work is: To forgive offenses willingly.

We can well understand the link between the Year of Mercy and our own forgiveness of others. The point that Pope Francis makes continually is that Jesus' mercy is directed to us and to others, all others. To be like Jesus then, we need to desire to have our own offenses forgiven, and then we must forgive others.

Much of human history has revolved around the failure to forgive offenses among ourselves. How often between nations or tribes, or simply among families or individuals has the desire for revenge led the way to social ruptures and especially violence?

And looking into our hearts, we can understand why. Even the best of us must pray and struggle to be able truly to forgive someone who has offended us.

To be in a position to forgive is, in some ways, to find oneself in a position of power over another. That person, having offended us, might be able to make restitution.

Sometimes they can give back what they stole from us, or clarify a falsehood they have told about us. Other times, there is no way to repair the injury. But what the offender cannot do is force us to forgive them.

Only in that forgiveness is the wound able to start healing, especially for the one who has offended. We then hold the key to healing the one who hurt us.

What we perhaps focus on less is how that forgiveness is true mercy for ourselves. Have you ever known someone who, because he or she refuses to forgive, increases their anger toward the other person? Sometimes we find them criticizing or complaining about other unrelated actions or attitudes of the person they will not forgive. Such people then become obsessed. Or they become simply a prisoner of their own anger, allowing it to infiltrate and ruin other relationships or parts of their life.

Humanly, we want to say to that person, "Just let it go!" But the spiritual reality is that he or she needs to forgive.

There is of course a deeper reality as well. It is that while in a particular case we may have been the object of the wrong that we need to forgive, every one of us

also stands before God as one who has offended. Every one of us must seek from God that pardon that we cannot give ourselves.

One of the problems with forgiving is that we can confuse forgiveness with feelings and emotions. Not infrequently do priests in confession hear from someone who says they have tried to forgive but deep down they still feel the hurt or the anger. Hurt feelings don't always go away.

That's natural in our broken condition. But to forgive is an act of our will. We choose to do it, especially to imitate God Himself. If our feelings lag behind and continue to nag us, that doesn't mean we haven't forgiven. It shows that sin and hurt do deep and lasting damage. Often prayer and penance, and sometimes just the passage of time, are needed.

So important is our own joining Christ in forgiving others that Jesus not only encourages it, He warns us to do so. The magnificent parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Mt. 18: 21 – 35) ends with the warning that God's forgiveness will be conditioned on our own.

But the deepest reality of our relation to God is that He is always willing to pardon us if we repent and turn back. God's love leads to His mercy. And His mercy is completed when we join Him in forgiving those who trespass against us.



Lazarus Reminds Us of the Gulf Between The Rich and Poor in the World Today

BY POPE FRANCIS

From General Audience, May 18, St. Peter's Square

I should like to pause with you today on the parable of the rich man and the poor Lazarus. The lives of these two people seem to run on parallel tracks: their life status is opposite and not at all connected.

The gate of the rich man's house is always closed to the poor man, who lies outside it, seeking to eat the leftovers from the rich man's table. The rich man is dressed in fine clothes, while Lazarus is covered with sores; the rich man feasts sumptuously every day, while Lazarus starves. Only the dogs take care of him, and they come to lick his wounds.

This scene recalls the harsh reprimand of the Son of Man at the Last Judgement: "I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was ... naked and you did not clothe me" (Mt 25:42-43).

Lazarus is a good example of the silent cry of the poor throughout the ages and the contradictions of a world in which

immense wealth and resources are in the hands of the few.

Jesus says that one day that rich man died. The poor and the rich die, they have the same destiny, like all of us; there are no exceptions to this.

Thus, that man turned to Abraham, imploring him in the name of "father" (vv. 24, 27), thereby claiming to be his son, belonging to the people of God.

Yet in life he showed no consideration toward God. Instead he made himself the center of all things, closed inside his world of luxury and wastefulness. In excluding Lazarus, he did not take into consideration the Lord nor His law.

To ignore a poor man is to scorn God! We must learn this well: to ignore the poor is to scorn God.

There is a detail in the parable that is worth noting: the rich man has no name, but only an adjective, "the rich man," while the name of the poor man is repeated five times, and "Lazarus" means "God helps."

Lazarus, who is lying at the gate, is a living reminder to the rich man to remember God, but the rich man does not receive that reminder. Hence, he will be condemned not because of his wealth, but for being incapable of feeling compassion for Lazarus and for not coming to his aid.

In the second part of the parable, we again meet Lazarus and the rich man after their deaths (vv. 22-31). In the hereafter the situation is reversed. The poor Lazarus is carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom in heaven, while the rich man is thrown into torment.

Thus the rich man "lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom." He seems to see Lazarus for the first time, but his words betray him: "Father Abraham," he calls, "have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame."

Now the rich man recognizes Lazarus and asks for his help, while in life he

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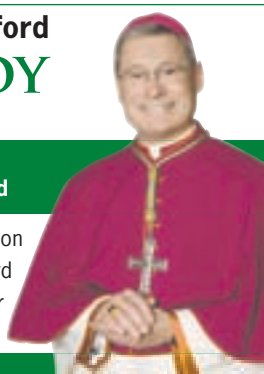
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Three Men to be Ordained as Priests June 4

ROCKFORD—Bishop David Malloy will ordain three men to the diocesan priesthood at the Cathedral of St. Peter, 1243 N. Church St., here.

The ordination Mass will begin at 11 a.m. and is open to Catholics who would like to show their support by praying with and for the ordinands.

The Diocesan Chorale, conducted by Feargal King, will sing at the Mass.

The three men to be ordained — Rev. Mr. Charles Fitzpatrick, Rev. Mr. Sean Grismer and Rev. Mr. Kyle Manno — share brief biographies here.



(Observer photos)
Rev. Mr. Charles Fitzpatrick

Rev. Mr. Charles Fitzpatrick

I was born in 1951. The Church had a tremendous influence on my youth.

But I came of age during the 1960s and 1970s. Though not a full-fledged committer of all the sins of my generation, I was no innocent bystander. But later, in my thirties, I began to attend Mass regularly.

My probation officer work was interesting, rewarding and stressful. After my father died in 1996, my mother came down with health problems, so I moved in to care for her.

Years of burning the candle at both ends wore me out. I turned to God. Relevant Radio and confession led to a “waterfall of grace” with adoration, reading Catholic books, the rosary and weekday Mass.

The night after I leafed through a book about a Chicago priest and family friend, the thought — “Be a priest” — shot through my mind. I was 52, so it seemed just nuts.

Despite my best efforts, it gradually became my predominant thought.

After four years, I surrendered. I made a retreat to the Abbey of Gethsemane Trappist Monastery in Kentucky in May 2010. There the chaplain said he thought this call was real.

Going back to my room I prayed the rosary, relieved, happy, but still confused. Noticing an old Bible on the desk,

with my eyes closed, I opened it up and put my finger down. It read: “Man can not hit on the right time to act: There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.”

I had a very strong sense that God had spoken to me personally. I felt very blessed and reassured. About four months later I entered St. Paul Seminary at age 58.

I learned a few things. All things are possible with God. He has a plan for everyone. And He works according to His own timetable, not ours.

As anyone would be in this situation I am both excited and nervous, because it is such a great responsibility to be a priest.

But I’ve put my trust in the Lord throughout my years in seminary and I know He will be there to carry me through my years of priesthood as well.

Rev. Mr. Sean Grismer

From my childhood I had every intention to get married, have a family, and enjoy life to its fullest.

My understanding of “enjoying life to the fullest” changed radically when, at confirmation, the bishop anointed my head with oil. At that moment I became radically aware that God was calling me to the priesthood.

I tried shaking that thought for the next three years by various pursuits, but God was per-



Rev. Mr. Sean Grismer

sistent in His calling and gently showed me that the desire I had to “live life to the full” was really an invitation to follow Him.

Following my graduation from high school and unconvinced of my call, I decided to attend the local community college for at least two years. That was until I attended World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, which re-invigorated my heart with something I had formerly desired and lost: to pursue Jesus with a heart full of love and joy.

After returning from WYD, I attended the Rockford Diocese’s vocation camp “First Call” and it was there that Our Blessed Mother gave me the courage to say “yes” to her Son.

Then it was on the feast of St. John Vianney that I finally made my decision. Three weeks later I found myself at St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.



Rev. Mr. Kyle Manno

I spent four years there and four more at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, growing in who God has created me to be.

I can confidently say that there is nothing else in the world that I would rather do than give my life to God and His Church.

The past eight years in seminary have taught me a lot, and it gives me such joy knowing that I now have the opportunity to give as generously as I have received.

Rev. Mr. Kyle Manno

I had plans to become a high school music teacher in my second year of school and had become more involved at the Newman Center at Northern Illinois University.

I was, with my pastor, learning sign language when I told him some big news: “I want to become a deacon one day.”

He replied, “That is amaz-

ing, but have you ever thought about the seminary?”

It was at that moment that the seed was planted in my heart. I began praying daily to God about my life.

As I continued through college, I noticed many people chasing after material, fleeting pleasures, but I wanted more. I discovered a deep joy for spreading the truths of the Catholic Church to others. Every opportunity, I was at church asking God what He wanted from me.

My biggest transformation happened with a book that had a short quote from Mother Teresa: “If only one little unhappy child is made happy with the love of Jesus ... will it not be worth ... giving all for that?”

Something inside of me clicked. I said, “Okay God, if you use me as a priest to help one extra person get into heaven, then you have a deal.”

I felt that God had put into my heart a desire to truly yearn to want to be His instrument for the salvation of souls. I found joy knowing that life has meaning when it is geared towards God.

After I graduated, I applied to the diocese. I remember the day I received the letter accepting me to the seminary. I ran around to the back yard to open it with my father.

I remember being so anxious, and when I read that they had accepted me I literally jumped for joy. I praise God every day for calling me!

Bishop Malloy’s Public Schedule

WOODSTOCK — June 3, 7 p.m., Commencement Ceremony, Marian Central Catholic High School

ROCKFORD — June 4, 11 a.m., Ordination of Priests, Cathedral of St. Peter

ROCKFORD — June 5, 7:30 a.m., Sunday Mass, Cathedral of St. Peter

AURORA — June 5, 1 p.m.,

Confirmation, Sacred Heart Church

ELIZABETH — June 7, 5:30 p.m., Confirmation for St. Mary Parish in Elizabeth and St. John the Evangelist Parish in Hanover, St. Mary Church

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Full-time Bear, Full-time Catholic

Brian McCaskey Reveals His Journey Of Faith and Business

BY LOUISE BRASS
Observer Correspondent

NAPERVILLE—Brian McCaskey's journey through the worlds of sports, business, and health challenges has shown him good days and bad days.

Through it all he has learned to surrender each day to God.

The senior director of business development for the Chicago Bears talked of his ups and downs, wins and losses at a business breakfast program sponsored by Relevant Radio at the Catholic Order of Foresters facility in Naperville, May 19.

"You go through adversity, but you can rely on your faith, as I did, to help get you through," he told a crowd of about 70 business people.

"We all have adversity and we all have the opportunity for faith. Therefore, if you can tap into our faith you can get through whatever is troubling in our lives," McCaskey said.

He spoke about his health concerns, including hearing loss and how he gave all his difficulties to God.

"The NFL is very competitive. Hearing loss is something that can kind of hold you back. It's hard or difficult to hear in meetings or presentations — or even to talk to somebody on the phone.

"Fortunately," he said, "technology has helped me quite a bit in those areas. So I have been able to keep up with my co-workers and been able to strive in that respect."

But he also has help from his Catholic faith.

"Certainly my faith has helped me," he said. "Not every day is easy; everybody has adversity. There're good days and bad days. If you lean on your faith, I think God will come through for you and help you out."

McCaskey began his career as a ball boy for the Chicago Bears in 1974, while attending high school at Notre Dame College Prep.

His bachelor of arts degree in education and athletic training from Chicago's North Park University in 1982 helped prepare him to become head student trainer and then assistant athletic trainer for the Bears.

"As a ball boy I saw what the



(Observer photos/Louise Brass)

Brian McCaskey of the Chicago Bears speaks to business people about his work and his faith. The breakfast program was sponsored

athletic trainers were doing and I liked the fact it was a combination of sports and science and I just felt that was a good path for me.

"I was fortunate to do that as a student in high school and then as a student in college and be able to study athletic training and get my degree in athletic training," he said.

'Everybody is on a journey'

"I think everybody is on a journey. When you are a child, you're immersed in Catholicism either through school, or continuing ed, or Catholic ed. I think there is an ebb and a flow in our faith.

"Certainly when you get married you come back to the church. Then when you come back to the church and have children you realize how important your faith is, and you want them to embrace it as well."

He pointed out that the popularity of many sports can be a springboard for people to help others who are less fortunate.

"The NFL is probably the most popular, which is good for us. But it is also an opportunity to help young kids stay on the right path either by playing sports or being involved in

sports or seeing football players as role models, or people who work for the Bears as role models."

McCaskey is also involved in charity organizations, including Bears Care, which he said has given more than \$25 million over the years to causes working for the health, education and welfare of children, as well as for cures to breast and ovarian cancers.

However, it was his advice about faith that seemed to resonate most with the audience.

Max Striedl, a parishioner at Holy Cross in Batavia and a conference coordinator for "Walk the Talk," said he found McCaskey's talk was refreshing.

"I really thought this was encouraging. There're too many



Colleen Seiter (left) shares a joke with Brian McCaskey (second from left) of the Chicago Bears, Max Striedl and Terry Herr.

by Relevant Radio and the Catholic Order of Foresters at the Foresters' Naperville office, May 19.

athletes that go the wrong way. It's nice to see people in those kinds of organizations that feel faith is still important.

"We can't all set the world on fire," Striedl said. "But if we can change one person or help one person ... then we are successful. You never know what is going to happen because of one word or one sentence."

North Aurora resident, Mark Oleferchik, came because he wanted to meet groups of people who are trying to live their Catholic faith in a better way each and every day.

"There is always something that kind of spurs you on and gets you back on track if you are off track. It's never too long or too late to start on that path," Oleferchik said.

Colleen Seiter, of Chicago,

enjoyed the presentation as well.

"It was just great, especially to hear his journey on how he was kind of a part-time Catholic but it took his hearing loss to change. We have to surrender to God because we are not in control. God is in control."

"It's really nice to see successful people out in the business world how they can make a lot of impact on people — to talk about God and that God is with us at all times," said Juan Castillo, of Orland Park, who made the trip to Naperville to hear McCaskey's witness.

Besides serving on the board of directors of the Chicago Bears, McCaskey has also founded McCaskey Sports Medicine Clinic, where he has led teams of professionals in assisting patients with sports-related injuries for more than 10 years. During that time, his business has expanded to four locations.

In 1993, he merged his practices with Joyner Sports Medicine, growing to 21 clinics in four states. That same year, McCaskey was named player liaison/operations assistant for the Bears.

This business-minded Bear has shown that faith and football can go hand in hand to create success.

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St. Therese of Jesus Helps Build Haiti Home

St. Therese of Jesus parishioners in Aurora recently exceeded their goal of \$6,400 to build a home for a family in Haiti. Working with Amy McTeague, executive director of Hope for Haitians, the parishioners purchased “bricks” by sacrificial donations throughout Lent, at a Soup and Bread Supper, and contributions from the families of the confirmation class and the religious education students. In total, the parish supplied \$6,558.88 to provide a house and additional assistance to families and allow Hope for Haitians to complete Our Lady of Perpetual Help Friendship Village in Garde Saline, Haiti. The check was presented to McTeague April 24 after the 10 a.m. Mass. At the presentations are Jody Watermann, Sal Rios, Christian Stinson, Father Michael Miller, MSC, Ken Sample, McTeague, Olinca Bermudez, Jose Bermudez, Deacon Julio Rosado and Sue Rios. Several parishes and schools in the Rockford Diocese support Hope for Haitians projects. Learn more at www.hopeforhaitians.org.

Pec Parish’s Afternoon at the Movies to Feature ‘Full of Grace’

PECATONICA—St. Mary Parish will show Gabriel Award winner, “Full of Grace,” at an Afternoon at the Movies, June 26.

Executive producer Eric Groth will be there to answer questions after the screening,

which is being sponsored by St. Mary’s Guild.

The full-length feature film about the life of Mary was produced in the Rockford Diocese by Outside da Box Productions of St. Charles.

The showing will begin after

the 11:15 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, 126 W. Fifth St. There will be pizza, soft drinks and snacks.

Donations will be accepted to fund Outside da Box’s next film project, due out in 2017.

The “Full of Grace” DVD and soundtrack CD will be on sale.

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(Photos provided) Parishioners of St. Rita of Cascia in Aurora donned native dress to celebrate the universal nature of the Church on Pentecost Sunday. Members of the parish come from Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. School children also created decorations showing all the countries represented by parishioners.



Parishioners of St. Rita of Cascia wear clothes from African and Eastern European cultures.



Congratulations

Fr. Chuck Fitzpatrick

St. Rita of Cascia Celebrates A Multicultural Pentecost

AURORA—On May 15, the Catholic Church celebrated its anniversary, and to mark the occasion St. Rita of Cascia parishioners wore outfits representative of their cultures during the 10:15 a.m. Mass.

“St. Rita Parish is recognized by its cultural diversity,” said Father Oscar Cortes, parochial administrator. “We have parishioners who come from different countries like Filipinos, Poles, Vietnamese, people from

Africa, Arabs and of course, Latinos and Anglos.

“In Pentecost the disciples of Christ, moved by the Holy Spirit, talked in other tongues, giving the church its universal feature,” said Father Cortes to explain why the parish hosted a multicultural celebration on Pentecost Sunday.

For the celebration, children from St. Rita of Cascia School crafted tongues of fire made out of paper, which were then hung from the ceiling in the gathering space.

They also decorated the windows with doves, on which they had written the countries where parishioners are from.

During Mass, Father Manuel Gomez, parochial vicar, invited those wearing a representative outfit to remain standing for a brief period of time in order for the community to appreciate the diversity in the parish.

When Mass ended Father Gomez invited them to gather

at the altar.

Also during Mass, Mary George, the parish’s director of evangelization, was honored. She is retiring at the end of May after more than 20 years of service.

George has been the driving force for the Spanish and English versions of the Light of the World retreat in the parish and for years has promoted multiculturalism in the parish. She received a standing ovation.

— Beatriz Mendoza



A “family tree” of the parish features flags of parishioners’ countries.



Father Cortes, Mary George

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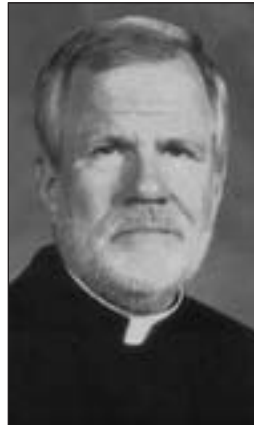
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News in Brief

Soon-to-be Polish Saint called people to 'contemplate God's Mercy'

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — In a pastoral letter read in churches the last weekend in May, Polish Bishops said the soon-to-be-canonized founder of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Blessed Stanislaus Papczynski (1631-1701), called people "to contemplate God's mercy and proclaim that God's heart is open to all." Blessed Papczynski joined the Spanish-based Piarist congregation in 1654, after being educated at Jesuit colleges, and became its first full Polish member two years later. Ordained in 1661, he left the Piarists after nine years, complaining about their lack of rigor, and in 1673 founded a retreat house at Skierniewice for his new Marian order, with a mission to promote the Immaculate Conception and pray for souls in purgatory. He was beatified at the Marian shrine of Lichen in September 2007. The June 5 canonization will be followed on giant TV screens by pilgrims at Lichen.



(CNS photo) **Blessed Stanislaus Papczynski**

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

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



(CNS photo/Erigo Wag, EPA) Refugees walk outside their tents in early February in the Kapise refugee camp in Mwanza, Malawi.

Oldest Cardinal Dies

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The former secretary to a saint and the oldest member of the College of Cardinals died May 26 at the age of 100.

Italian Cardinal Loris Capovilla, who served St. John XXIII before and after he became pope, died in Bergamo, near Milan.

Cardinal Capovilla was born in Pontelongo, Italy, on Oct. 14, 1915, and ordained to the priesthood in 1940.

A journalist before starting to work for the future saint, he was an energetic and eloquent storyteller, drawing on his remarkable and vividly detailed memory.

When the freshly named patriarch of Venice, Cardi-

nal Angelo Roncalli, chose 37-year-old Father Capovilla as his private secretary in 1953, a skeptical adviser told the cardinal — who would become Pope John XXIII — that the priest looked too sickly to bear the strain of his new job.

But the cardinal outlived his employer by half a century and was a dedicated custodian of his legacy, running a small museum dedicated to the saint's memory in the late pope's native town of Sotto il Monte Giovanni XXIII, near Milan.

A friend and confidant, he was by the pope's side during the launch of the Second Vatican Council and the escalation of political and military tensions of the Cold War.

A memoir crafted from some stories was published in English as "The Heart and Mind of John XXIII."

Cardinal Capovilla also served Pope Paul VI for a time after his election. He was made archbishop of Chieti-Vasto in 1967 and appointed prelate of Loreto in 1971, retiring in 1988.

Pope Francis made him the world's oldest living cardinal when he elevated him to the College of Cardinals in 2014 at the age of 98.

His death leaves 213 cardinals, 114 of whom are under 80 and can vote in a conclave.



(CNS photo) **Cardinal Loris Capovilla**

Chicago's New Department To Focus on Parish Ministry

CHICAGO (CNS)—When the Archdiocese of Chicago's new Department of Parish Vitality and Mission debuts this summer, parishes should notice a new dedication to helping them fulfill the church's mission, according to the department's directors.

Father Ron Lewinski and Father Peter Wojcik, who will lead the department, said the goal is to focus on the mission rather than on programs, and to create a structure that responds to parishes' needs instead

of developing programs that parishes might or might not want to use.

It's one part of the "Renew My Church" initiative, which is being rolled out to parishes as the archdiocese looks for ways to revitalize its mission in an environment of changing demographics, fewer priests and ongoing financial challenges.

"Renew My Church" is designed to strengthen our whole community," Father Wojcik told the *Catholic New World*, the archdiocesan newspaper. "It includes the whole archdiocese."

Father Wojcik said he and Father Lewinski have spent the past 10 months learning about the department, what it does and how it works.

"Going forward, we will be focusing more on providing resources than providing programs," Father Lewinski said. "And a lot of times, those resources will be people."

That means, for example, that a pastor whose parish demographics are changing could call and ask for help coming up with ways to evangelize that will resonate with the people moving into the neighborhood. To succeed, the people in all the offices in the department will have to collaborate with one another, with parishes and with members of the vicariate teams, including new coordinators of parish vitality and coordinators of lifelong formation.

The reorganized department includes most of what was the Department of Parish Life and Formation, which was organized into 11 different offices. The new department groups those functions into four offices. The new offices are:

- Office for New Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship, which will include New Evangelization and Biblical Formation.

- Lifelong Formation, which will include the offices of Marriage and Family Ministry, Catechesis and Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry.

- Divine Worship.

- Human Dignity and Solidarity, which will include Respect Life, Immigrant Affairs and Immigration Education, Peace and Justice, Kolbe House jail ministry and the Amate House volunteer program.

The Special Religious Education Program, or SPRED, will continue its current form, and the Missions Office will become part of the Office of Stewardship and Development. At the same time, the Department of Parish Vitality and Mission will include people to provide non-core services, including communications, event planning and financial administration to all of its offices in the new department, freeing up staff members to focus on their areas of expertise.

Because of the significant changes in the department, all of the staff job descriptions are changing. Current staff members have been asked to apply and interview for positions in the new structure.

The department is providing help with practice interviews and other materials, the priest said, and also included a 10-week lead time between the announcement of the changes and their Aug. 1 effective date to allow employees who leave as much time as they could to make new plans.

Father Lewinski said the department has learned from the experiences of several other dioceses, and now hopes to become a leader in a new way of helping the church grow and thrive.

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Fatima Facts: Vatican Shepherds the Flock Away From Conspiracy Claims

BY CINDY WOODEN
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY—When then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger met the press in 2000 for the formal release of the so-called Third Secret of Fatima, he said he knew many people would be disappointed.

Almost 16 years later, at the beginning of a yearlong preparation for the 100th anniversary of the apparition of our Lady of Fatima in 2017, now-retired Pope Benedict XVI is still dealing with people not convinced the secret is really out.

An online journal called OnePeterFive published an article May 15 claiming that shortly after then-Cardinal Ratzinger released the secret and his commentary, affirming that it was the complete text, he told a German priest that, in fact, it was not.

“There is more than what we published,” the article claimed the cardinal told Father Ingo Dollinger. The article went further: “He also told Dollinger that the published part of the secret is authentic and that the unpublished part of the secret speaks about ‘a bad council and a bad Mass’ that was to come in the near future.”

A statement released May 21 by the Vatican press office said Pope Benedict “declares ‘never to have spoken with Professor Dollinger about Fatima,’ clearly affirming that the remarks attributed to Professor Dollinger on the matter ‘are pure inventions, absolutely untrue,’ and he confirms decisively that ‘the publication of the Third Secret of Fatima is complete.’”

The Vatican’s publication of “The Message of Fatima” in 2000 included a photocopy of the text handwritten in 1944 by Carmelite Sister Lucia dos Santos, the last survivor of the three children who saw Mary at Fatima in 1917.

The common message of Marian apparitions throughout the centuries has been: pray and convert. But a message read only by a few popes and their closest aides? There had to be something more to it to justify keeping it so secret, many people thought.

When Cardinal Ratzinger presented on June 26, 2000, he told reporters that the choice of St. John XXIII and Blessed Paul VI to withhold publication and St. John Paul II’s decision to delay it was not a “dogmatic decision but one of prudence.”

But, he said, “looking back, I would certainly say that we have paid a price” for the delay, which allowed the spread of apocalyptic theories about its contents.

Meeting the press that day, the first words out of his mouth were: “One who carefully reads the text of the so-called third secret of Fatima will probably be disappointed or surprised after all the speculation there has been.”

The text, he said, uses “symbolic language” to describe “the church of the martyrs of the century now past,” particularly the victims of two world wars, Nazism and communism.

But what was most difficult for many to believe after the secret spent more than 40 years in a Vatican vault was what the text did not contain. “No great mystery is revealed,” Cardinal Ratzinger said. “The veil of the future is not torn.”

In a 1996 interview with Portugal’s main Catholic radio station, the cardinal — who already had read the secret — tried the reasonable, tradition-based approach to pointing out what was and was not in the message. “The Virgin does not engage in sensationalism; she does not create fear,” he said. “She does not present apocalyptic visions, but guides people to her Son.”

Cardinal Ratzinger became Pope Benedict XVI five years after the text was published. If there was more to the secret, he had eight years of complete freedom as supreme pontiff to share what supposedly was withheld.

Marianist Father Johann Roten, a former student of then-Father Joseph Ratzinger who for years headed the Marian Research Institute at



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A pilgrim carrying a cross walks on his knees May 13 at the Marian shrine of Fatima in central Portugal.

the University of Dayton, said there is “no doubt there is truth” in what many Fatima devotees see as “the moral decline in the church.”

“The difficulty is in the method” many of them choose to convince others of the need for conversion and prayer, Father Roten said in an email response to questions.

“The method tends to be magico-ritualistic, based on the conviction that a particular act,” such as the consecration of Russia performed in a particular way, “will solve all problems,” he said.

“Apparitions always stress the message of Christ,” Father Roten said. Mary urges “prayer, conversion and practical manifestations of one’s faith.”

“Warnings are part of the message, not always, but especially in times of imminent social catastrophe,” including Fatima before the Russian Revolution, he said. “Unfortunately, these general messages are frequently overlooked. Instead the attention is given to sensationalism — a rosary turning golden — or apocalypticism — doomsday warnings — which never represent the essential part and reasons of such events.”

Speaking to reporters traveling with him to Fatima in 2010, Pope Benedict repeated what he had said 10 years earlier: The text was open to interpretation, but the heart of the Fatima message was a call “to ongoing conversion, penance, prayer and the three theological virtues: faith, hope and charity.”

Yes, he said, the church constantly is under attack — “attacks from within and without — yet the forces of good are also ever present and, in the end, the Lord is more powerful than evil and Our Lady is for us the visible, motherly guarantee of God’s goodness, which is always the last word in history.”

The Vatican’s publication of “The Message of Fatima,” including the photocopies of Sister Lucia’s original description of the “secret” is still available online at http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20000626_message-fatima_en.html.

News in Brief

Catholic groups urge Governor Rauner to sign stopgap bill to help the poor

CHICAGO (CNS)—Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago and social service providers throughout Illinois are hoping that Gov. Bruce Rauner signs a stopgap measure that would provide \$700 million to agencies waiting for payment for contracted services to the poor and vulnerable since the budget impasse began July 1, 2015. As of midday May 27, S.B. 2038 remained unsigned and the fate of programs contracted through agencies such as Catholic Charities hung in the balance. To date, the state owes Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago over \$25 million. Catholic Charities in the archdiocese is the largest social-service provider in Illinois, caring for 1 million people annually. Msgr. Michael Boland, president and CEO of Catholic Charities said “As of this month, we have heard that more than 40 food pantries have closed. The safety net continues to crumble around us,” he said.



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A homeless man pushes a cart in Chicago over \$25 million. Catholic Charities Chicago.

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Cincinnati parishioners learn to ‘Civilize It’ during election season

CLEVELAND (CNS)—Amid the anger, the attacks and the sometimes boisterous nature of this year’s presidential campaign, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is encouraging parishioners to remember that civility in politics is a virtue. To bring the point home, the archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Office has unveiled the “Civilize It” campaign, stressing that respectful dialogue can take place among people of differing political views. Tony Stieritz, director of Catholic social action in the archdiocese, said the campaign is about appreciating and valuing the viewpoints of others. “This is something that has been a long time coming where we felt in addition to our ongoing message of (the bishops’) ‘Faithful Citizenship’ document that we just need to be more proactive, highlighting not just what the church teaches but how do we exemplify civil behavior,” Stieritz said.



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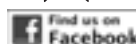
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Woodworker Gives New Life to Lumber For Caskets in the Shenandoah Valley

BY KATIE SCOTT
Catholic News Service

FRONT ROYAL, Va.— Above the hum of the table saw, one story was told, then another.

As the dark chestnut boards were fixed together, gradually taking shape as a sturdy rectangular box, three brothers pieced together memories of a life.

“Something rich and beautiful happens when your hands are occupied but your mind is free,” said Michael Schmiedicke, a web developer-turned-woodworker with a unique side ministry: casket-making. At times, he helps clients build a casket for their loved one themselves.

The ministry was born about six years ago amid sawdust and tears, when Schmiedicke and two of his younger brothers made a casket for their grandmother.

“My understanding of death up to that point was tied to a certain sense of passivity and helplessness; I was a spectator to it,” said Schmiedicke, sitting in his Front Royal workshop filled with wood of every shape



Michael Schmiedicke works on one of his handmade caskets.

and size and the smell of freshly cut lumber. He said making the casket allowed him to connect with his brothers and his grandmother, to process grief by facing the reality of death, and “to do one last act of service for somebody that we cared for.”

“It was a turning point in my relationship with faith, with death and what comes after,” said Schmiedicke, a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Church in Front Royal, in the Diocese of Arlington. Making that first casket “took away a lot of that feeling of helplessness and gave me a new perspective.”

Schmiedicke’s small woodworking business is, in many ways, an embodiment of new perspectives — on the past, on the old and on the discarded. Located down a gravelly road near the Shenandoah River, his Strong Oaks Woodshop was a onetime poorhouse and railway depot, and during World War II, the building was a warehouse for airplane parts. Fore-shadowing the current work between its walls, it first served as a furniture manufacturing facility after the Civil War.

Strong Oaks employs around 10 people, who with Schmiedicke create by hand everything from bed frames and chairs to bar stools and kitchen tables from reclaimed wood. The company dismantles wood from old houses, barns, warehouses and other



(CNS photos/Katie Scott, Catholic Herald)

Woodworker Michael Schmiedicke poses outside his Strong Oaks Woodshop in Front Royal, Va. Schmiedicke, a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Church in Front Royal, builds caskets out of reclaimed lumber from the Shenandoah Valley.

abandoned structures slated for demolition.

Primarily salvaging lumber from the Shenandoah Valley, Schmiedicke has traveled as far as New York and Michigan to rescue buildings that otherwise would be bulldozed or burned.

“We live in a relatively materialistic society, where national trends say new is better,” Schmiedicke told the *Arlington Catholic Herald*, the diocesan newspaper. Echoing Pope Francis’ words in the environmental encyclical “*Laudato Si*,” he added that it’s “often wrong to throw something away when it could be saved and used.”

Most of the buildings Strong Oaks dismantles date back more than 100 years. In the Shenandoah, the old buildings were made from red and white oak, heart pine and wormy chestnut. Sometimes hickory, red elm and maple were used.

“You don’t see wood like this any longer,” said Schmiedicke. In some instances, the trees have become so rare that their wood has nearly vanished from the commercial market. A blight before the turn of the century crippled the American chestnut, also known as wormy chestnut, and carbon monoxide pollution affects the growth of a variety of species, said Schmiedicke. “You have the same species, but they aren’t the same as those used in the old structures,” he said.

The reclaimed wood receives part of its character from “being outside and sustaining nature’s work for 100 years,” said Schmiedicke. “The color, the richness, the depth is a cooperative venture of wood and elements that creates something new and beautiful. It’s a kind of beauty that comes with age and can’t be faked.”

Schmiedicke inherited his love for woodworking from his

German grandfather and great-grandfather, and after teaching himself the craft, it regularly served as his “therapy hour” after work and on weekends.

With a master’s in library and information science, Schmiedicke has worked as a government contractor; a research librarian for Human Life International, a Catholic pro-life advocacy organization in Front Royal; and most recently as a web developer.

As he started spending additional hours tinkering with wooden creations for friends and family, including his four children, he grew “less motivated to maintain interest in the next web development language,” he said.

It took several years juggling both web development and woodworking, but eventually he was able to commit to his passion full time.

Amidst Strong Oaks’ growing success, Schmiedicke’s mother asked if he’d be willing to make a casket for his grandmother.

“I was deeply moved by the request,” he said. And, though he’d never made a casket before, he and his brothers set to work building one.

While they worked, Schmiedicke, the eldest of 11, shared memories of the crazy adventures he’d had growing up with uncles and cousins in his grandmother’s house. His brothers told stories about



Michael Schmiedicke and his two brothers created this chestnut casket for their grandmother, a project that eventually turned into a ministry creating caskets out of refurbished lumber.

what it was like caring for their grandmother as she grew older and her Alzheimer’s progressed.

“It was time that we had with each other, time honoring her life,” said Schmiedicke. “I knew I wanted to share that experience with as many people as I could.”

Thus began the small side endeavor of his Strong Oaks business — offering families the opportunity to make a casket with his help. Or if they desire, he builds one on his own according to a family’s specifications, including special details such as a Celtic cross or inscription.

Schmiedicke now makes around a half-dozen caskets a year, but he hopes to increase that amount in the future. His company’s website, <http://strongoakswoodshop.com>, highlights various pieces of furniture made there.

“The bar stools pay the bills, but if I can slip out from work now and then to make a casket ... that’s what I’d like to do. It’s personally very meaningful work to me,” he said, adding that he sees the work as a min-



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Newman Central Catholic High School, Sterling

Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation: May 18, 5:45 p.m., St. Andrew Parish, Rock Falls, with Msgr. Thomas Dzielak.

Graduates: Erin Rebecca



Emily Long
Salutatorian

Allen, Jared Thomas Brauman*, Kyle Christian Decker, Braydon John Delgado, Morgan Lee Ely, Madeline Rose Erickson, Jax Stephen Edward Fane, Brady Benjamin Fowkes, Katherine Luz Fontan, Victor John Francque*, Anthony Joseph Garcia, Hillary Marie Grennan*, Maxwell Ryan Grove, Rhyanna Leigh Hadden, Jeremy Ryan Henson, Teagen Danielle Hinrichs, Iain Hubert Thomas Hoy*, Matthew Gerard Johnson*, Clay Wilson Jungerman*,

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* Honor students



Brady Rude
Valedictorian

"The cornerstone of this Newman family ... is faith. It is the pillar on which this whole community stands. ... Also, faith breeds hope, ... But hope serves many purposes, as demonstrated throughout this past year. We took some punches as a community this year, and they hurt. Bad. We lost family members and we mourned, and are still mourning the losses. The driving force that helps us move on as a community though, is hope. Never underestimate the power of hope, and always root it in your faith..."

Musician, Bishop, Cardinals, Others Address U.S. Catholic College Graduates

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Speakers at commencement exercises at U.S. Catholic colleges and universities this year ranged from musician and composer Harry Connick, Jr. to cardinals and bishops and a former college president.



Harry Connick, Jr.

As commencement speaker at Loyola University New Orleans May 20, Connick both regaled crowds and drew upon his multifaceted career and his Catholic upbringing as he shared advice for a meaningful and successful life beyond graduation.

"If you work and pay attention to the smallest details of your work, your relationships, your faith, you'll find that over time, you will have created a lot of great things — things of worth, things of substance and quality," he told the graduates.

Connick, a native son of New Orleans, received an honorary doctorate of music from Loyola.

In his commencement address he cited the philosophies of Pope Francis, the Jesuits and St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order. With self-deprecating humor, he also drew upon his career as a musician, actor and entertainer, referencing family life, his upbringing in the Crescent City and past work on the film "Dolphin Tale" and TV shows "Will and Grace" and "American Idol."

His philanthropy work in-

cludes his efforts on Musicians' Village in the city's Ninth Ward, the hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He founded the village with fellow New Orleans native and musician Branford Marsalis in the aftermath of the storm.

Bishop DiMarzio

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of Brooklyn, New York, addressed graduates of Vincentian-run St. John's University May 22.

"I find the topic of immigration to be truly important to the church and to the world," said Bishop DiMarzio.

"St. Vincent de Paul, the founder of the Vincentian (order), has educated you with a special mission to serve the poor and the downcast. You are our educated future leaders and it is our hope that you can make the same choice (as St. Vincent) as you leave St. John's."



Cardinal Dolan

In Atchison, Kansas, New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan called on graduates at Benedictine College May 14 to "dream and dare" to make a difference in difficult circumstances.

"Four years ago you made a very significant choice," he said. "You took a dream and a dare to entrust your future to a college that believes, contrary to the reigning ideology of our country, that faith and reason are hardly foes but allies, that

allegiance to Jesus and his church actually liberates one for greatness."

Cardinal Dolan, who received an honorary degree from the college, said he has seen the possibilities of a Benedictine College education in a student he met in a refugee camp in Iraq.

The camp was filled with "refugees your own age who had lost families and homes and careers and possessions — everything but their faith and that thirst for learning that gives them hope in a terrain blotched by international bul- lies, by bombs and blood," he said.

Laura M. Meeks

In Ohio, Laura M. Meeks, the former president of Eastern Gateway Community College in Steubenville, delivered the keynote address at Franciscan University's science commencement ceremony May 14. She also received an honorary doctorate of educational leadership for her work in higher education and her contributions to the local community.

"I'm going to make a case," she said, "that this class is the most special class of Franciscan University."

She talked about their graduating during the Year of Mercy and in the same year Blessed Teresa of Kolakata will be canonized (Sept. 4) and about Pope Francis' U.S. trip last September.

Meeks also Mother Angelica, foundress of the Eternal Word Television Network, is a model of work and prayer.

"You must pray and put your life in God's hand," she said. "Your rock is Jesus. You know what Jesus would do, so I say do it."



(CNS photo/Barbara Johnston/University of Notre Dame)

Graduates celebrate at the University of Notre Dame at the conclusion of the May 15 commencement ceremony in Indiana.



Cardinal O'Malley

A day earlier Boston Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley received an honorary doctorate of sacred theology during Franciscan University's baccalaureate Mass.

In his homily, he spoke about Christ's disciples as students, particularly St. Peter. He said three questions that Christ asked in the Gospels and how it was like a final exam on his teachings: Who do you say that I am? Do you want to leave me, too? Do you love me?

Cardinal O'Malley encouraged graduates to use Peter's answers: You are the Christ. To whom else should we go. Yes, Lord, you know that I do.

"The correct answers need to be on your heart as well as your lips," he said. "Here at Franciscan University, you have such an extraordinary opportunity to deepen your life of faith hope and love."

Cardinal Wuerl

On May 15, Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl told Marymount University's graduates that their generation

faces great challenges to the idea that we are part of God's plan and that there is an interaction and interconnectedness to what God asks of us and how we live out our lives.

"Jesus came to announce that he was going to make all things new but he was going to invite all of us to make that happen, that we wouldn't just be passive bystanders," he said during undergraduate commencement exercises at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington. The university is located in suburban Arlington, Virginia.

"Never give up the hope, never give up the vision, never give up the dream you can make this a better world," Cardinal Wuerl said.

Paul Pohl

At Franciscan University's arts commencement, Paul M. "Mickey" Pohl, a former member of Franciscan University's board of trustees, received an honorary doctorate of Christian ethics for his work defending religious freedom.

He spoke at length about how religious freedom in the U.S. is being threatened.

"There is a war going on out there in which we are thrust whether we like it or not. There is a war being fought for your soul and there is a war being fought for the soul of our nation," he said.

Boylan Central Catholic High School, Rockford

Baccalaureate: May 26, 7 p.m.,
Boylan Central Catholic High
School main gym

Graduation: May 28, 2 p.m.,
Boylan Central Catholic High
School main gym

Graduates: Cassandra Diane Anderson, David Elliott Anderson, Samuel Anderson*, Anne Matilda Archer, David Brandon Arreguin, Elise Ann Austin*, Esmeralda Avila, Joshua Johannes Badgley, Marquel Alvón Bailey, Janiya LeAnn Bankhead, Sean Michael Barelli, Nicholas John Vacys Baris, Kenzie Michaela Barr*, Robert Jonathan Barrera, Ian Patrick Batson, Matthew Thomas Baudhuin*, Carter James Beaves Lewis*, Haley Nicole Beck*, Emma Elizabeth Bergstrom*, Krista Anne Marie Berns, Serena Bilardello*, Benjamin Stuart Bischel*, Madison Renee Blascoe, Jonathan Daniel Boehle, Paul Bortoli, Alastair Bryce Brokish*, Olivia Marie Burd*, Luke Joseph

Burke, Michael James Cady, MacKenzie B. Callison, Nathaniel Rafael Campos, Katherine Ann Carlson, Joffre Edrique Castro, Max Anthony Cepeda*, Vanessa Lilian Chahin*, Nikolas Chávez, Joshua Stephen Chiodini, Joshua Peter Christy, Samantha deGuzman Chung*, Alec Thomas Ciaccio*, Brianna Rose Ciaccio*, Maximilian James Cichock*, Patrick Jeffrey Clark, Austin Patrick Clemens, Megan Alyssa Coady*, Tyler J. Coffey, Luke Patrick Collins, Nicholas Gerard Collins*, Matthew James Corrigan, Clare Elizabeth Coyle, Kelly Terese Custer*, Matthew Norbert Cyr*, Joey Alexandra D'Agostin*, Hayley Marie Dahm, Noah Arthur John Danaher, Alyssa Louise Decman, Hunter James Frank Decman*, Austin Antonio DeLaRosa, Ashleigh Ann DeLay, David Francis Delehanty, Katherine Frances Delia*, Corshe' DeWalt,



Kyle Singletary
Valedictorian

Benjamin D'Haeze, Chandler Keith Dixon*, Alexander Edward Dobson, Patrick Ryan Dowling, Ian James Doyle, Harrison J. E. Engelbrecht, Caroline Elizabeth Entsminger, Ampelio Jesus Guadalupe Esquivel, Margaret Grace Ethington*, Jenna Nicole Evett, Jacob Michael Farley*, Meredith J. Fehrle*, Samuel Robert Fehrle*, Abigail Lynn Ferguson*,

"You have taught me the most important lesson that I learned here at Boylan: that our relationships with our neighbor and with God are the path to true happiness ... The world does not need geniuses or athletes or musicians; the world needs good, caring people who bring happiness and put smiles on others' faces."

Olivia Ann Fiorenza, Peyton Kimberly Fisk, Wendy Maribel Flores Briones*, Philip Leo Foti*, Madeline Louise Frost*, Jacob Ryan Gabriel, Benjamin William Gaffney*, Molly Gallagher*, Shannon Elizabeth Gallagher, Shayla Loren Garcia, Michelle Anne Pasinabo Garde, Jack Neul Garlick, Ann M. Garton, Carson Maguire Giardini*, Emily Ann Godin, Ashley

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Aquin Central Catholic High School, Freeport

Baccalaureate: May 13, 7 p.m.,
Aquin Central Catholic High
School auditorium

Graduation: May 20, 7 p.m., St.
Thomas Aquinas Parish, Freeport

Graduates: Cassidy Jane Arndt, Ashley Nicole Bausman, Joshua Jon Buisker, Emma Rose Deutsch,

Simon Michael Diemer, Johanna Therese Ehlbeck*, Thomas Ezra Fellers*, Jeffery Michael Williams, James Richard Gustafson, Keagan Alexander Hartman, Bridgett Jo Hunziker*, Garrett Finn Kruse, Christian David Luecke, Matthew Lucas Martinez,

Cynthia Ellen Palmer, Sydney Devin Reilly, Taylor Jordan Rhodes, Colby John Smith II, Micah Sterlin Stovall, Matthew James Thomalla, Isaiah Thomas Yeager, Junpeng (Joe) Zhou

* Top graduates



Johanna Ehlbeck
Top Graduate



Bridgett Jo Hunziker
Top Graduate



Thomas Fellers
Top Graduate

"No matter how successful any of us become, we will always have our parents to thank. ... Finally, and most importantly, we must thank God. He has worked in all of our lives, and will continue to, if we allow Him. At Aquin, we have been given a great gift. This gift is to practice the Catholic faith in our everyday lives."

Boylan Central Catholic High School, Rockford

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Austin Peterson
Salutatorian

"Let us take the people we have become at Boylan and go out into the world confident and humble, educated and curious, fully prepared as only Boylan Titans can be to make the most of every opportunity God may send our way and to overcome every obstacle we encounter."

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Kevin Casto, Julian Chaney, Jackson Clark, Chase Collins, Benjamin Colwell, Jeremy Daum, Riley DeMoss, Gavin Denton, Jack Diederich*, Marco Dodson, Kevin Donner, Joseph Duffield, Omar Espinosa, Matthew Ferraro, Matthew Fletcher*, William Fredericks, Joseph Fremgen, Rodney Frias, Ryan Frias, Nicholas Funk, Timothy Gilmore, Jacob Hammer, Jacob Harte, Nathan Hastert, Daniel Heineman IV, Matthew Henkel, William Hickey, Jerod Hirner, Thomas Hoban, Tyler Hopfensperger,

Luke Hoss, Christopher Hossfeld, Dolan Hunt, Samuel Hutchison, Christopher Ivie, George Jacovides, Alexander Jaffe, Baylor Johnson, Michael Joy, Benjamin Kallas, Harrison Kearby*, John King, Samuel Kluber, Thomas Koebel Jr., Matthew Kowalkowski, Brendan Labbe, Kevin Lawinger, Nicholas Lopez, Samuel Luther, Conor Mach, Ian Magee, Jerin Martin, William Matthews, Lucas McDonald*, Benjamin Michel*, Michael Middendorf*, Adam Miller, Brian Miller, Jake Miller,

David Montenegro, Sterling Munro, Mark Nyaeme, David Pettyjohn, Bradley Phalen^M, Valen Piotrowski*, Mark Powell, James Powers^M, Anthony Preziosio, Jr., Adam Prosser, Jack Purcell, Albert Rechenmacher*, Charles Richard, Joshua Ruddy, Benjamin Rydecki, Jack Saloga, Joseph Schafer, Jacob Schwartz, Michael Seraphin*, Thomas Seraphin, Brandon Shimkus, Ivan Snyder, Tito Spizzirri III, Christian Surtz, Jacob Swindle, Michael Szalek, Matthew Talarico*, John Tate, Gyovai Tena,

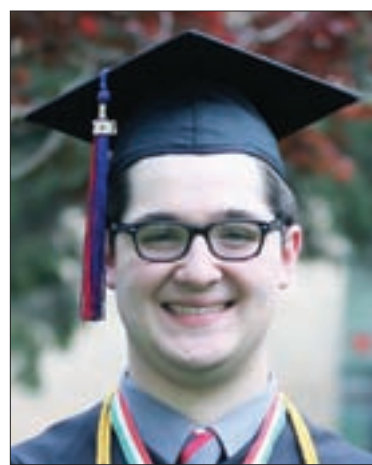
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*Top 10 percent of class; ^Menlisted in military; †deceased



Jack Diederich
Co-Valedictorian

"This class, who has shared experiences in the academics, tradition, and spirituality of Marmion over the years, has become my extended family. Families are not always perfect, and they experience many ups and downs, but in the end they can be counted on to stand together. ... In this time of grief from the loss of one of our brothers, we continue to pull together and support one another. Today, we celebrate the life of our brother, and the achievements of all our classmates."



Harrison Kearby
Co-Valedictorian

"'The Brotherhood' is a phrase we have heard many times here ..., a phrase that I think many of us would say defined our Marmion experience. As freshman, we had the seniors, and even better, the monks as our shining example of brotherhood. Brotherhood keeps us together in times of joy and in times of sorrow. ... We are here for each other's greatest victories as well as worst defeats. ... The brotherhood has kept us together since freshman year, and will keep us together beyond this senior year."

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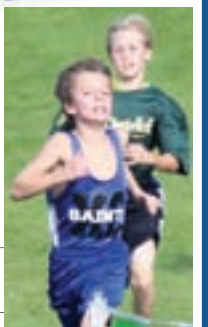
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May 17, Rosary High School.

Graduation: May 18, St. John Neumann Parish, St. Charles

Graduates: Sloane Rachel Abalos *, Neethara Ramani Abraham †^{S*}, Jane Itandegui Acevedo *, Natalie Noreen Bens, Rebecca Ann Bens, Alissa Nicole Brankey †^{S*}, Kellie Kathleen Buckley ^{S*}, Emily Ann Burbach, Maya Elizabeth Butler, Jill Sullivan Danklefsen, Ellie Katherine Davis ^S, Taylor Jordan Drozdowski ^S, Isabella Renae Duarte †^{S*}, Morgan Catherine Dunn, Katherine Mary Dybas, Hannah Calysta Eng †^{S*}, Sophia Marie Evangelista, Sarah Marie Fergus, Grace Elizabeth Fredstrom, Jazzmine Nichole Garcia *, Anna Delight Gayford, Grace Elizabeth Goheen, Annie Kathryn Gosselin, Elise Marie Haddad, Erin Marie Harvey, Kathryn Grace Heeg, Abigail Claire Herwaldt *, Brittany Marie Hill *, Madeline Marie Howland, Amy Elizabeth Iwatsuki ^{S*}, Taylor Steffen James *, Kate Ann-Gail Jarecki †^{S*}, Ava Emeline Jones, Heather Georgianna Kauss, Kayla Anne Keating *, Gretchen Anne Klug ^{S*}, Emma Claire Knaut *, Christina Lee Koranda †^{S*}, Emma Carole Kuszynski, Emily Anne Laughead †^{S*}, Emma Catherine Leuer †^{S*}, Rachel Ann Loy †^{S*}, Caroline Christine Maley, Mackenzie

Lea Malley †^{S*}, Morgan Elizabeth Martinez *, Brooklyn Marie Martner *, Ries Alexis McCue ^{S*}, Madeline Paige Melby *, Isabel Alexis Michel, Emma Christine Molenhouse ^{S*}, Anna Renay Montalbano, Mary Carolyn Mott Mueller, Christina Rebecca Nicol, Sarah Elizabeth Phipps, Rachel Clare Ping †*, Angeles Crystal Ponpa, Sonja Rose Popovich †^S, Maribel Alyse Potter, Victoria Hannah Pyle †^{S*}, Katherine Jeanne Rentz †^{S*N}, Madison Mary Ronzone †^{S*}, Francesca Joyce Sagerian, Andrea Lynne Schwartz, Megan A. Signa, Lauryn Jean Streid †^{S*}, Courtney Anne Swickert, Rachel Therese Szmurlo, Guadalupe Andrea Tellez, Katherine Mary Thielen, Julia Marie Timko *, Emma Jeanne Vasquez, Shea Conlon Vero ^{S*}, Savana Dawn Vitale, Meera Hitesh Vyas ^{S*N}, Gabriella Ortega Wagoner,



Grace Wehner
Valedictorian

Maeve Donna Wangler, Lea Alexandra Wantuch, Grace Josephine Wehner †^{S*N}, Delaney Hope Welter, Kara Raysie Wong †^{S*N}, Georgia May Young, Anna Rose


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to share our lives with others. Sisters, on the next leg of our journey, we will face countless trials and tribulations.On this new journey, I ask you to remember that you can do anything you set your mind to, that you are powerful beyond measure, and that you are meant to shine.”

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Marie Hand
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Annabelle Engelhardt
Valedictorian

"We are all fish here in the pond we call Aurora Central Catholic, a rather small, comfortable pond, where over the past four years we've grown to be a family — or in fish terms, a school. ... As a wise man once said, 'It is our choices that show us what we truly are far more than our abilities. ... The common foundation we

have, composed of comp lit, consumer ec, physical science, and theology, built upon our extracurricular, sports and electives, is what we are bringing with us to the future."



August Deatherage
Salutatorian

"Moments are amazing, but memories are the things that last. Remember every moment you can. Make every moment count. ... People started bonding and becoming more than just classmates. Our class became a family. ... By junior year, it would be unimaginable going to high school anywhere else. The student body, faculty, and school itself had been

ingrained in our minds as 'our school.' We suffered together and we celebrated together. We were one class that always stuck together."

Aurora Central Catholic High School, Aurora

Baccalaureate Mass: May 25, 7 p.m., Aurora Central Catholic High School

Graduation: May 26, 6 p.m.,

Aurora Central Catholic High School

Graduates: David Aguilar, Carter Ahlgren*, Victoria Albert, Andrew Alessia*, Evangelic Alonso, Jessica Anger*, Deanna Arellano*, Benjamin Ariano*, Zach Baker*, Haley Barry*, Scott Becker*, Kiley Bruss*, Robert Brust, Audrey Buchner*, Yelyzaveta Buckley*, Nicole

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Baccalaureate: May 17, 10 a.m., St. Edward Central Catholic High School

Graduation: May 17, 7 p.m., St. Patrick Parish, St. Charles

Graduates: Jason Dennis Allen, Dwayne LaMont Allen, Jr., Amy Samantha Al-Salaita*, Emily F. Armstrong, Megan Taylor Barth*, Melissa Bedolla, Karl Paul Bibler*, Samantha Ann Boydston*, Teige Ambrose Brannon, Patrick James Brown, Lauren Makenzi Brown, Shane Michael Budish, Mayra Carachure*, Michael Benny Chammany*, Melanie Rose Christian*, Kennedy Meredith Clute, Caysie Jeanne Colasuono*, Melissa Marie Danikowski*, Megan Irene V. Dela Cruz*, Mikaila Renee DiCostanzo*, John Michael Castor Domingo, Jorge Alejandro Dominguez, Alyssa Mae Doruelo*, James P.A. Eich, Noah Patrick Enright*, Joseph Boyd Esposito, Jacob Daniel French*, Taylor Ann Gillen, Kimberly Patrice Grant*, Maegan Madelyn Gross*, Jacob Harrington, Ian William Havemann, Catherine Shelby Hicks, Nicholas Alexander High, Haydn Eade Hilton, Giovanni Hinojosa, Colin Patric Hugunin*, Bradley Parker Hukill, Emma Leigh



Eric Parks
Valedictorian

“What a gift St. Edward has provided its students: the knowledge and understanding that God — the ultimate Creator of all things visible and invisible — is our greatest friend. That God is the one who loves us most of all. That, because of love, an entire school of great diversity can come together and identify under a common witness. We can assertively claim that the

St. Edward decision was worth it — because every moment, every sacrifice, every friendship, every celebration, everything that makes us St. Edward was worth it.”

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Paige Elizabeth Matthews, Joshua James McFadden*, Austin Charles McLeod, Natalie Rose McQueen*, Allison Paige Melendez, Ana Isabel Mendoza*, Mitchell Anthony Modlitz*, Owen J. Mollsen, Michael Alfredo Montes, Ruben Montiel III, William Caie Morrice, Dylan Anthony Murray, Joseph Brendan Murray, Jr., Clarissa Bernadette Olenek*, Andrew Gerald O’Neill*, Noah Corey Ostdick, Eric Anthony



Tess Schuck
Salutatorian

“That’s what makes our class of 2016 at St. Edward so special: because we didn’t just survive it. We took Pope John Paul II’s motto, ‘Called to Greatness,’ and we prospered. This school has taken our education well past our minds, enriching our souls, as well. The Catholic environment present in this school is one of the best parts about going to St. Edward,

and will forever have a part in my heart. ... I’d like to thank all my classmates for the wonderful experiences we’ve shared that have truly inspired us to accept our call to greatness.”

Parks*, Leslikarina Patino*, Michael Christopher Perez, Annemarie Charlene Pettey, Sean Patrick Phelan*, Alex M. Piton*, Christopher David Pottorff*, Adam Joseph Radcliffe, Arley Ramos, Jared Richard Rejman*, Monetta Silvana Rudolph, Jose Carlos Sandoval, DeMarco Frederick Scarnegie, Gwynneth Catherine Schaefer*, Melanie Renee Schmidt*, Abrianna Annealyse Schreurs, Tess Sienna Schuck*, Alexandra

Marie Scola, Maxine Patricia Scotty*, Alex John Semler*, Anna K. Silva*, William Wardell Stevens, Allison Leigh Stratman*, John Patrick Theriault, Gabriella Eva Tripicchio*, Jacob Tyrawa, Clarissa Tania Vargas*, Debra Anne Weiss, Jacob Adam West, Mitchell David Willman, Nathan Peter Witt, Aaron Michael Worf, Nicholas Lee Worrall, Lindsay Michelle Zdroik,
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Tess Sienna Schuck, Salutatorian
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Marian Central Catholic High School, Woodstock

Baccalaureate Mass: June 2, 7 p.m., Marian Central Catholic High School, Landers Pavilion

Graduation: June 3, 7 p.m., Marian Central Catholic High School, Landers Pavilion

Graduates: Abigail Adams, Johnnie Almaria, Christopher Anderson, Taylor Anderson, Thomas Applegate, Justine Arejola*, Jose Atadero, Xavier Awe, Joseph Balfanz, Alexandra Ball, Cullen Bennett, James Biewer, Marco Binotti, Hannah Brunken, Ethan Buck, Joseph Budmayr, Ashley Budyak, Jarryd Cabusao, Madison Carriere, Lauren Caselton*, Vincent Catarello, Cindy Cedeno, Norah Cetera, Peter Chrzan, Andrew Croft, Matthew Crook, Andrew Darbro, Kyle Darbro, Gavin Dineen, Nicholas Dioguardi,



Hannah Gillespie
Co-Valedictorian

Ryan DiPietro, Alison Dobbins*, Lucas Dowell*, Michael Duffy, Gabriel Dwyer, Brougan Edwards, Alisyn Filpi, Ryan Frisby, Marcus Garrelts, Michael Gawron, Kaela Geiger, Samuel Gibson, Hannah

“The opportunities ahead call us to action. Don’t be lukewarm, don’t be indifferent, don’t be still. We cannot simply admire but must instead contribute. Contribute to the world around us using our talents, skills, and the foundation that we’ve built at Marian Central. We’ve been preparing for whatever comes next our whole lives. Now is the time to care the most. Pursue what you are passionate about, ... the only true failure we will have is if we never try at all.”



Cole Johnson
Co-Valedictorian

“Marian has taught us what to value in life. It taught us to value hard work, to be proud of what we have accomplished, to share our gifts and talents with others, and to value and respect other people.”

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Johnson*, Monica Juarez*, Izabella Kanoza, Alexandra Kaufmann*, Thomas Kaufmann, Sean Keisling, Paige Klein, Liam Knudsen, Peter Kolner, Alexandra Krak, Erika Krak, Julia Kranenburg, Aaron Kurcz, Ashley Le, Eleanor Leggett, Derrick Leider, McKenzie Lindquist*, John Littner*, Tyler Logsdon, Crystal Lopez, Griffin Martin, Daniel Matousek, Megan Mc Fadden, Mia Belle Mc Neill, John McDonel, Jr., Isaac McGuire, Rachel McNulty, Noah Meisner*, Michael Miceli, Marc Miguel, Zoe Miller, Emily Minneci, Alex Montwicki, Amanda Morris*, Lucas Morrissey*, Thomas Mueller,

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Roscoe
From: Mom, Dad and David

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- 19.6% of the senior class scored 30 or higher on ACT
- 35 Illinois State Scholars
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- 20.3% of seniors are community college bound

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Hannah Gillespie Co-Valedictorian (Left)
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DJ Joy on Air

Mercy Sister Shares Prayer, Music with Online Radio Show

BY CORI FUGERE URBAN
Catholic News Service

Mercy Sister Gail Anne Jarvis is spreading her joy. A disc jockey on pinkscystalradio.com, the 60-year-old former parish minister is known as “DJ Joy.”

It’s a moniker that reflects the joy of mercy, the joy of her religious vocation and her desire to show that joy to others.

The name is derived from her former handle — “Joy of Mercy” — on a different site where she volunteered as a chat room greeter.

After that gig ended, she and two other people who had been associated with it continued to pray together daily through an instant messenger conference then through Pinks Crystal Radio.

Sister Jarvis, a 1979 graduate of Trinity College in Burlington with a bachelor’s degree in psychology, has been deejaying since August 2014 and “loves it,” she said. “The Lord just opened this door for me of deejaying.”

She’s usually on Tuesdays from 6-8 a.m. and Thursdays from 6-9 a.m., more if she takes shifts for other volunteer DJs.

Deejaying from her apartment in Burlington is convenient for the sister who suffers from back, leg and foot problems: She sits at her dining room table, surrounded by photographs of family members and Mercy sisters, and a

wooden “Mercy” cross above her on the wall behind.

“I love the music. I love everything here,” she said.

During one of her recent segments, she played songs including “Lift High the Cross” from the Norwich Cathedral Choir and “Abide With Me” from Sir Harry Secombe.

“Then we’re going to pick it up a bit with ‘The Mississippi Squirrel Revival’ by Ray Stevens,” she announced. Next came Ken Roberts’ “Yodeling Song.”

Sister Jarvis likes to play Christian, patriotic and wholesome secular music. She also reads devotions and presents Catholic content such as information on the Year of Mercy and Ash Wednesday.

Sometimes she reads from *Vermont Catholic* magazine, the Burlington Diocese’s publication, or from Sisters of Mercy materials.

No longer in regular, full-time, active ministry because of health problems, Sister Jarvis — who entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1981 and professed final vows in 1988 — has a ministry of prayer, much of which is evidenced in her part-time DJ ministry.

“It gives me an outreach to people,” she said. “And music is healing to people. You witness God’s hand in all of this.”

Before handing off Pinks Crystal Radio to the next DJ, the Sister of Mercy likes to conclude her segment with “Give the World a Smile” by The Cathedrals.

Then she sits back in her dining room chair and smiles, a smile of joy.



Mercy Sister Gail Anne Jarvis, at her home in Burlington, Vermont, spreads her joy through an online contemporary Christian music radio station.

(CNS photo/Cori Fugere Urban, Vermont Catholic)

DESTINATION



(CNS illustration/courtesy Southern Dominican Province)

‘Friars on Foot’

New Orleans, La. to Memphis, Tenn.

Destination: For Dominican Fathers Francis Orozco and Thomas Schaeffgen (shown in the illustration above), a 478-mile, one-month pilgrimage actually began May 29 after the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in New Orleans. The pilgrimage will end June 29 at St. Peter Church in Memphis, the National Shrine of St. Martin de Porres. For the rest of us, it will be a virtual journey on line.

Why to go: The idea of making a walking pilgrimage in the United States took root about four years ago when Dominican Fathers Francis Orozco and Thomas Schaeffgen were studying together for the priesthood.

They saw the movie, “The Way,” featuring Martin Sheen, who portrayed a father honoring his late son’s memory by completing the 450-mile Camino de Santiago, the “Way of St. James,” a pilgrimage route across Spain taken for centuries by pilgrims.

“We had both studied abroad in Spain, but we thought, why don’t we do something more local, something in this country?” said Father Orozco, chaplain of the Catholic Student Center at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. “We looked up places, and there really weren’t any established pilgrimages in the U.S., so we said, ‘Let’s make up our own.’”

The friars will carry no money and hope others will join them for a few hours to pray or discuss the faith. They plan to stay overnight at churches along the way. Most will be Catholic, but in two Tennessee towns, they may stay at Protestant churches.

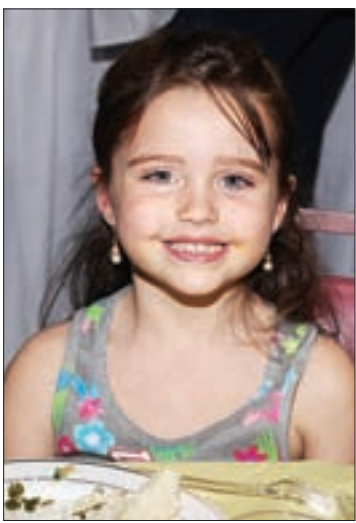
“We will have a pilgrim rule, and part of it will be to pray the rosary and the Liturgy of the Hours every day, but that won’t take up the entire time,” Father Orozco said. “If there are people with us, we can talk about whatever they would like to talk about.”

Walking along interstate highways is prohibited, so the route will basically track Highway 51 north to Memphis.

(Grand) Kid friendly: Sure, they may even be able to help you follow the friars online.

Info: Twitter— @friarsonfoot ■ Facebook — Friars on Foot ■ Blog — <https://friarsonfoot.wordpress.com/>

— Compiled by Sharon Boehlefeld from CNS information
Send Destinations ideas to seasonedobserver@rockforddiocese.org



(Photos provided)

Hampshire Parish Celebrates Moms

On May 7, the Parish Life Committee of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Hampshire, held their second annual Mothers Day Luncheon. About 100 mothers and daughters of all ages attended. The Parish Life Committee prepared lunch. Guest speaker Connie Nykiel (above, right) talked about God's mercy. There were raffles and door prizes. The committee will start planning next year's luncheon soon.



(Photo provided)

Knights Help Future Mothers

Russ Gies, captain of Msgr. C.F. Conley Assembly 1690 of Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus in Galena, presents a check to Peggy Jenkins, executive director of The Pregnancy Center in Clinton, Iowa. The funds are going towards the purchase of a new 4D ultrasound machine. Many years ago, the Clinton center was the first pregnancy center in the nation to have an ultrasound machine.

Marmion Reaches Out to St. Joseph Eighth-Graders

Marmion Academy's Outreach Ministry Team poses with Aurora's St. Joseph School eighth-grade students after a Day of Reflection, May 10. The Marmion team led the end-of-year day with faith building, team building, and affirmation activities. The Marmion Outreach Ministry Team has led 25 school and parish programs during the 2015-16 school year under the direction of Deacon Bill Johnson, Marmion's director of Parish Outreach.



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Belvidere Shooters Make Free-Throws

Winners of the Knights of Columbus Council 735 of St. James Parish in Belvidere, with free throw chairman Brian Smith (left), are Antoinette Olson, Mercedes Ruiz, Ben Murphy, Valerie Hagedorn, McKenzie Culvey, Rico Salgado, Allen Ryan, Kevin Kamedula, (not pictured) Jose Lopez, Donnie Peterson and Paige Lambright. Council winners received a K of C Basketball.

Going on Now

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Million Works of Mercy: The National Council of Catholic Women are trying to document a million works of mercy this year. Info: NCCW.org or your deanery or parish council.

Save the Date

June 13-17

AURORA

Theater and choral camps: Rosary High School, 901 N. Edgelawn Dr. For girls in grades six-eight. Cost: \$100. Info: www.rosaryhs.com/camps

ELBURN

VBS: 9 a.m.-noon; St. Gall parish hall, 120 W. Shannon St. Theme: "Hometown Nazareth, Where Jesus was a Kid." Activities explore Hebrew culture. For children entering kindergarten through fourth grade. Ice cream social June 17 at 6:30 p.m. to close the week. Cost: \$25 per child. Info: Carrie Walter, 630/365-6030, carrie@stgall.com; www.stgall.com/children

June 13-July 22

ROCKFORD

Conditioning camp: Boylan Central Catholic High School, 4000 St. Francis Dr. For boys and girls of all skill levels, entering grades four-12; 90-minute sessions. Early bird and sibling discounts. Info: www.boylan.org; Coach John Cacciatore, jcacciatore@boylan.org

June 13-15

AURORA

Science camp: Marmion Academy, 1000 Butterfield Road. Youth Energy Savers for sixth-through eighth-grade boys and girls. Info: www.marmion.org/yes, 630/966-7672

June 15

GALENA

Salad luncheon: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; St. Mary, 400 Franklin St. Dine-in or carry-out. Salads, meats, pie and beverage. Cost: \$7 adults; \$3.50 children 11 and younger.

June 16

BATAVIA

14th golf classic: Mill Creek Golf Course, 39w525 Herrington Dr., Geneva. Sponsor: Holy Cross. Proceeds for St. Vincent de Paul Society. Info: www.events.org/svds01

June 16-18

MCHENRY

Rummage sale: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. June 16 and 17, 9 a.m.-noon June 18; St. Mary, 1405 N. Richmond Road. Half-price sale June 17; bag sale June 18. (Call for donation drop-off dates.) Info: Barb Russell, 815/385-0024, stmarylady@aol.com; stmarymchenryil.org

June 18

DIXON

Steak, chicken dinner: 5 p.m.; Dixon Knights of Columbus Council 690 Hall, 506 W. Third St. Bonanza drawing, 8 p.m. Info: www.kofc690.com

June 19-22

DIOCESE

Vocations camp: Bishop Lane Retreat Center, 7708 E. McGregor Road, Rockford. Camp for girls in seventh grade through 17-years-old; retreat for young women 18 and older. Sponsor: Diocesan Vocations Office. Cost: \$90. Info: www.rockforddiocese.org/vocations, 815/399-4300, ext. 375

Save the Date

**June 20
WEST DUNDEE**

Golf outing: 11 a.m. shotgun start; The Golf Club of Illinois, 1575 Edgewood Dr., Algonquin. Sponsor: St. Catherine of Siena. Proceeds to help defray medical costs of parishioner Eileen Reedy. Cocktails, dinner and auction, 4:30 p.m. Cost: golf--\$700 team of four; \$175 per person; dinner only--\$75 per person. Info: <https://helpholive.org/event/3505/view?next=/campaign/5887>

**June 20-24
AURORA**

Math camp: Rosary High School, 901 N. Edgelawn Dr. For girls in grades six-eight. Cost: \$100. Info: www.rosaryhs.com/camps

BATAVIA

VBS: 9 a.m.-noon; Holy Cross, 2300 Main St. Topic: "Birthday Blast: A Celebration of Life." Cost: \$20 per child; \$50 per family. Info: www.holycross-batavia.org

JOHNSBURG

VBS: St. John the Baptist, 2302 W. Church St. Theme: "Cave Quest: Following Jesus the Light of the World." For children 4-years-old through fifth-grade. Sixth-graders and older can volunteer to help. Cost: \$20. Info: Elly Nusser, 815/385-1477, ext. 201

ROCKFORD

VBS: 9 a.m.-noon; Holy Family, 4401 Highcrest Road. Theme: "Cave Quest: Following Jesus the Light of the World." Cost: \$45 per child; \$80 per family. Info: Barb Beckett, 815/398-4284, bbeckett@holyfamilyrockford.org; www.holyfamilyrockford.org

**June 24-25
ROCKFORD**

4th Women's retreat: 4 p.m. June 24-3 p.m. June 25; Bishop Lane Retreat Center, 7708 E. McGregor Road. Sponsor: Rockford Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Speaker: Rita Van Wassenhove. Theme: "Be Still and Know That I am God" (Ps 46). Reservations due June 17. Cost: \$85 private room; \$62 shared room. Info: Pat Wightman, 815/648-2415; Josie Whaley, 815/284-7197

**June 25
DIXON**

Kaycee golf day: 10 a.m. tee-off; Edgewood Golf Course, 10684 W. Edgewood Road, Polo. Sponsor: Dixon Knights of Columbus Council 690. Golf and cart for 18-holes, pork chop sandwich lunch, prizes. Proceeds for Parochial Education Fund. Cost: \$40 per person; \$150 per team until June 17; \$160 per team after June 17. Info: www.kofc690.com; Gary Gornik, 815/994-1368

**June 26
FREEPORT**

YAC night: 5-9 p.m.; St. Thomas Aquinas, 1400 Kiwanis Dr. For area teens in eighth- through 12th-grade. Dinner, ice cream, praise and worship, sports and games; 5:30 p.m. youth Mass. Speaker: Father Kenneth Wasilewski, diocesan ethicist and director of the permanent diaconate. Free. Info: Emarc Malavolti, 815/766-1732

PECATONICA

"Full of Grace": after 11:15 a.m. Mass; St. Mary, 126 W. Fifth St. Afternoon at the movies with Eric Groth, executive producer of the Gabriel Award winner, "Full of Grace." Pizza, drinks and snacks. Donations accepted to support Groth's next film project.



(Photo provided)

Holy Family, Rockford, Forensic Students Win Awards

Nineteen second- through fifth- grade students from Holy Family School in Rockford participated in the Forensics for Kids public speaking competition at Marshall Middle School in Rockford. They placed second overall, earning seven trophies, seven medals and five ribbons. On the team are (back from left) Emily Schriever, Sophia Koenig, Grace Pingo, Isabella Phommachanh, Veronica Aurora Bruschi, Addison Reyes, Tommy Amore, (middle) Gianna Wedgbury, Ava Gioppo, Gianna DiGiovanni, Jenna Fendler, Ian Conner, Angelo Flores, (front) Julia Bonnett, Katie Schriever, Marissa Carbone, Helena Solana, (not pictured) Maria LeGrand and Sophia Rozanski.



(Photo provided)

Oomens and Wenzloff

Oomens Honored by Knights' Council 2381

HUNTLEY—Don Oomens received a certificate recognizing his contribution to the Knights of Columbus Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill Fourth Degree Assembly 2381 Color Corps by Faithful Navigator Bill Wenzloff.

During the past year, Oomens has been part of all the honor guards provided for Bishop David Malloy at parishes covered by the O'Neill Assembly, at wakes and funerals of deceased Knights and at area civic events served by the assembly.

He also provides leadership and guidance to others participating in the honor guard.



(Photos provided)

Marmion Students Honored

ABOVE: Marmion Academy's JROTC Battalion Commander senior A.J. Rechenmacher (left) passes command of battalion to his successor junior Andrew Lifka of Aurora during the JROTC Change of Command ceremony May 6.

BELOW: Vince Bellafiore, (right) Marmion Academy's LEAD director, presents senior Christian Surtz, the 2015-2016 LEAD executive student co-director, with the William J. Dickson, Sr. Award for Outstanding Citizenship at the LEAD Awards Presentation on May 6



Christian Surtz and Vince Bellafiore

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St. Joseph in Elgin Celebrates First Communions

First communicants — some of a class of 572 — line up for their procession May 22. The class was so large, St. Patrick Parish in St. Charles invited them to use their church for the Mass. The growing Elgin parish frequently holds its big sacramental ceremonies at the St. Charles parish, such as the recent confirmation for 280.



(Photo provided)

Save the Date

June 26

JOHNSBURG

Dedication: 10:30 a.m. Mass; St. John the Baptist, 2302 W. Church St. Bishop David Malloy will dedicate the new copper roof and renovated Chapel of Eternal Light, rededicate and rename the Father Richard Schoeder Education Center.

June 27-30

DEKALB

VBS: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Christ the Teacher Newman Center, 512 Normal Road. Cost: \$50 per child. Info: Cheryl Lehman, 815/787-7770, newmanniudre@gmail.com; www.newmanniu.org

June 27-July 1

AURORA

Creative writing and iPad camp: Rosary High School, 901 N Edgelawn Dr. For girls in grades six-eight. Cost: \$100. Info: www.rosaryhs.com/camps

July 8

GENEVA

Catholic Brew: 7 p.m.; St. Peter, 1891 Kaneville Road. Munch and mingle; 7:30 p.m. talk. Free. Info: Laurie Brown, 630/232-0124, ext. 113, yam@stpetergeneva.org

July 9

JOHNSBURG

Healing Mass: 10 a.m.; St. John the Baptist, 2302 W. Church St. Father Chris Krymski from Our Lady of Sorrows in Chicago will say the Mass.

July 10

LOVES PARK

Filipino Mass: 5 p.m.; St. Bridget, 600 Clifford Ave. With Greater Rockford Filipino-American Catholic Community. Info: www.facebook.com/grfacc/

July 16

GENEVA

Catholic Brew: 4:30 p.m.; St. Peter, 1891 Kaneville Road. Work shift at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora, followed by social time. Info: Laurie Brown, 630/232-0124, ext. 113, yam@stpetergeneva.org

July 18-20

NORTH AURORA

Children's mission: 9 a.m.-noon; Blessed Sacrament, 801 Oak St. For third-grade through high school; leadership opportunities for seventh- through 12th-graders. Topic: "Inside Out: The Joy of Communion with Jesus." Assistance from Marmion Academy. Cost: \$15 per child; \$25 for two children; \$30 for three or more children per family. Info: Keri Johnson, 630/897-1029; RE@blsacr-na.org; www.blessedsacrament-na.org

July 25-29

ROCKFORD

Football camp: 7:45 a.m.-noon; Boylan Central Catholic High School, 4000 St. Francis Dr. For current and prospective Boylan football players. Info: www.boylan.org; Coach John Cacciatore, jcacciatore@boylan.org



(Photos provided)

SPRED Students Receive First Communion

Father Max Striedl, pastor of St. Mary Parish in Huntley, hugs one of the students in Special Religious Education (SPRED), a ministry for special needs children, who received first Communion and con-

firmation at St. Mary on May 1. The students, who gathered with sponsors, teachers and others (above), are from St. Mary in Huntley and St. Thomas the Apostle in Crystal Lake.



(Photo provided)

St. James, Rockford, Communicants

Second grade students at St. James School in Rockford made their first Communion May 1 at the 11:15 a.m. Mass.



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St. Mary, East Dubuque, Communicants

Fourteen children received first Communion on May 7 at a special 11 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Church in East Dubuque. First communicants were from St. Mary School and religious education programs at St. Mary Parish. With Father Dean M. Smith, pastor, are (front from left) Jessie Soat, Ethan Schulting, Cody Kletecka, Thomas Dudzik, Sammie Soat, (middle) Andrew Christ, Leah Adams, Chase McMahan, Alana Sheehan, Daniel Dudzik, (back) Sienna Boyer, Benedict Sprague, Claire Oberbroeckling, and Brady Dietzel.



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St. Mary Knights Present Scholarship

St. Mary Knights of Columbus in Oregon awarded Paul Reckamp its 2016 scholarship. At the presentation are (from left) Deacon John Ley, Grand Knight Ron Klein, Reckamp, and Father Joseph Naill, pastor.

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July 18-19 ROCKFORD

33 Days to Morning Glory: 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays, 9:15-10:45 a.m. Tuesdays (first of five week sessions); Holy Family, 4401 Highcrest Road. Adult formation; Aug. 22 consecration day. Cost: \$30. Info: Barb Beckett, 815/398-4284, bbeckett@holyfamilyrockford.org; www.holyfamilyrockford.org

July 31 FREEPORT

YAC night: 5-9 p.m.; St. Thomas Aquinas, 1400 Kiwanis Dr. For area teens in eighth- through 12th-grade. 5:30 p.m. youth Mass with Bishop David Malloy, dinner, ice cream, praise and worship, sports and games, Q and A with Bishop Malloy. Families invited for Mass. Free. Info: Emarc Malavolti, 815/766-1732

LOVES PARK

Milwaukee pilgrimage: 7 a.m.; St. Bridget School parking lot, 600 Clifford Ave. Trip to Basilica of St. Josephat. Sponsor: Greater Rockford Filipino-American Catholic Community. Mass, Basilica tour, potluck picnic and bingo on the bus. Reservations required. Cost: \$20 per person. Info: www.facebook.com/grfacc/

Aug. 7 DEKALB

Living rosary: 1:30 p.m.; St. Mary, 329 Pine St. Sponsor: Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Aug. 14 AURORA

Parish fest: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; St. Therese of Jesus parking lots, 271 N. Farnsworth Ave. Free. Info: Maria S. Zamora, 630/898-5422; www.stojcc.org; parishoffice@stojcc.org

JOHNSBURG

Parish fest: noon to 6 p.m.; St. John the Baptist, 2302 W. Church St. Food and drinks, games, music and show by "The New Odyssey."

Aug. 21

ROCKFORD
35th Polish fest: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; St. Stanislaus Kostka, 201 Buckbee St. Free. Info: Margaret Borowski, 815/965-3913; www.st-stanislaus.org; church@st-stanislaus.org

Aug. 26-28 AURORA

64th Scout Camporee: Marmion Academy, 1000 Butterfield Rd. For Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls in the Rockford Diocese and Three Fires Council. Year of Mercy speakers; campfire, scout crafts, patch activities, Mass and Adoration. Info: Mike Nowak, michael.nowak@sbcglobal.net, 847/363-7713

Elsewhere

June 4-July 31 SINSINAWA, WIS.

Art show: 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Sinsinawa Mound, County Road Z, off Wisconsin Rte. 11. Queen of the Rosary Chapel. Free. Info: 608/748-4411; www.sinsinawa.org

July 15-22 BARRINGTON

Individual retreats: Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, 420 W. County Line Road. Retreat directors include Father David Peck, pastor, St. John Neumann in St. Charles. Register by June 15. Cost: \$90 per night, five-day minimum. Info: 847/381-1261, www.jesuitretreat.org



(Photos provided)

Jurassic Halls Come to St. James, Rockford

Big and small, the dinosaurs fill the halls at St. James School in Rockford. The ancient beasts have even been sneaking up on people in the office (far left) since second-graders started learning about the animals. The students created slide presentations about dinosaurs of their choosing and presented the information to the rest of the class. They also wrote reports about the dinosaurs and created models out of boxes, which they called Boxo-sauruses.

What's Up

Mon June 6

AURORA

CSI Science Camp: (continues through June 10) Rosary High School, 901 N. Edgelawn Dr. For girls in grades six-eight. Cost: \$100. Info: www.rosaryhs.com/camps

ST. CHARLES

Blood drive: 2-7:30 p.m.; St. John Neumann, 2900 E. Main St. Sponsors: St. John Neumann and St. Patrick parishes. For healthy adults 17 and older; child care available. Appointments available; walk-ins welcome. Info: 630/513-8998

Wed June 8

Deadline for June 17 What's Up (for events June 20-26)

ST. CHARLES

Holy Hour: 6-7 p.m.; St. Patrick Parish, 6N491 Crane Road. Prayer for those affected by abortion. Info: LIFE office, 815/399-4300

Thu June 9

JOHNSBURG

Rummage sale: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (also 9 a.m.-5 p.m. June 10, 9 a.m.-noon June 11 (half-price "Boutique Room"); St. John the Baptist, 2302 W. Church St. Info: Kasia Placek, 815/385-1477, ext. 204

SOUTH BELOIT

Rummage sale: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (also June 10-11); St. Peter Didier Hall, 301 Oak Grove Ave. (behind church). Info: Cindy Godawski, 815/525-3400; http://st-peter-church.com/events

Fri June 10

STERLING

Roles in the Church: 6-7 p.m.

(also 10 a.m.-noon and 5-7 p.m. June 11, 1 p.m. June 12); St. Mary parish hall and church, 600 Avenue B. Learn about the role of laity and altar servers in the Church. Free; registration requested. Info: 815/624-0640.

Sat June 11

AURORA

24th Golf outing: noon registration, 1 p.m. shotgun start; Bliss Creek Golf Course, 1 Golfview Lane, Sugar Grove. Proceeds for Aurora Central Catholic High School scholarships. Golf, cart, awards, steak dinner and cocktail hour. Cost: \$95 per golfer; \$30 dinner only. Info: Luke Brauweiler, 630/907-0095, ext. 111, lbrauweiler@auroracentral.com

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ter, 1891 Kaneville Road. Kane County Cougars '90s Night. Limited seating; registration required. Cost: \$10 per ticket. Info: Laurie Brown, 630/232-0124, ext. 113, yam@stpetergeneva.org

MCHENRY

Magnificat breakfast: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; D'Andrea Banquets, 4419 Northwest Hwy., Crystal Lake. Sponsor: Magnificat McHenry. Speaker: Linda Couri, former Planned Parenthood employee. Cost: \$20. Info:

Dee Slowey, 815/893-4061; MagnificatMcHenry.com

Sun June 12

LOVES PARK

Filipino Mass: 5 p.m.; St Bridget, 600 Clifford Ave. Marking Philippine Independence Day with Greater Rockford Filipino-American Catholic Community. Info: www.facebook.com/grfacc/

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Lazarus Reminds Us of the Gulf Between The Rich and Poor in the World Today

From page 2

pretended not to see him.

How often do many people pretend not to see the poor! To them the poor do not exist.

Before he denied him even the leftovers from his table, and now he would like him to bring him a drink! He still believes he can assert rights through his previous social status.

Declaring it impossible to grant his request, Abraham personally offers the key to the whole story. He explains that good things and evil things have been distributed so as to compensate for earthly injustices, and the door that in life separated the rich from the poor is transformed into “a great chasm.”

As long as Lazarus was outside his house, the rich man had the opportunity for salvation, to thrust open the door, to help Lazarus, but now that they are both dead, the situation has become irreparable.

God is never called upon directly, but the parable clearly warns: God’s mercy toward us is linked to our mercy toward our neighbor. When this is

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lacking, also that of not finding room in our closed heart, He cannot enter. If I do not thrust open the door of my heart to the poor, that door remains closed. Even to God. This is terrible.

At this point, the rich man thinks about his brothers, who risk suffering the same fate, and he asks that Lazarus return to the world in order to warn them. But Abraham replies: “They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.”

In order to convert, we must not wait for prodigious events, but open our heart to the Word of God, which calls us to love God and neighbor. The

Word of God may revive a withered heart and cure it of its blindness.

The rich man knew the Word of God, but did not let it enter his heart, he did not listen to it, and thus was incapable of opening his eyes and of having compassion for the poor man. No messenger and no message can take the place of the poor whom we meet on the journey, because in them Jesus Himself comes to meet us. “As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” (Mt 25:40), Jesus says.

Thus hidden in the reversal of fate that the parable describes lies the mystery of our salvation, in which Christ links poverty with mercy.

Dear brothers and sisters, listening to this Gospel passage, all of us, together with the poor of the earth, can sing with Mary, “He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away” (Lk 1:52-53).

In a Nutshell



To admonish the sinner is a spiritual work of mercy that makes many of us uncomfortable, especially those of us who know (or admit) that we, too, are sinners.

When one thinks about the spiritual work of mercy “admonish the sinner,” the picture of John the Baptist in the desert — the fiery prophet we see in Matthew 3:1-10 calling for people to repent their evil ways and to produce good fruit as a sign of repentance — comes to mind.

Admonishing a sinner means more than saying, “Stop that!” It’s about showing our neighbor a better (not necessarily easier) way to live with Jesus, the best neighbor there is. And that shouldn’t make anyone uncomfortable.

We must take care not to separate words of admonishment from words of mercy. If admonishing sinners is a work of mercy, it must be carried out in merciful ways.



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Word to Life: June 5, 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Remember Where Miracles Come From

BY JEFF HENSLEY
Catholic News Service

Across the decades since I came into the Church in 1974, I have seen many instances where God was at work in the world. I’ve seen healings and many more instances of God bringing about good results in situations for which there was no reasonable hope.

But there are abuses of the belief in miracles. The worst I ever heard about came through a friend who was teaching in East Texas. While there, she heard of the death of an infant for whom a Pentecostal church had prayed fervently. At the funeral, it was reported, the pastor lifted the lifeless infant in the air and declared, “This is lack of faith!”

That horrible moment must have caused some in the community to question their authentic faith in and love of God. The preacher’s arrogance and self-righteousness confused “faith” with human will as he suggested the people’s prayers weren’t good enough to save the infant.

Today’s readings hold the antidote to such flawed thinking by pointing out that God, not human strength, has miraculous power.

In the passage from Kings, the prophet Elijah cries out to God to restore life to the only son of the widow

who was providing him shelter. Elijah, in service to God, pleaded the widow’s case and her son was saved — not by Elijah’s action, but by God’s.

When Elijah restored the child to his mother, she responded. “Now indeed I know that you are a man of God. The word of the Lord comes truly from your mouth.”

In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus is “moved with pity” when he witnesses a mother, also a widow, who has lost her son. He steps forward, touches the coffin and says, “Young man, I tell you, arise!” He is restored to life and to his mother.

The crowd, witnessing these events cries out, “A great prophet has arisen in our midst,” and “God has visited His people.”

God was glorified in action in the first case by the faith-filled holy man, Elijah, and in the second by the acts of Jesus, the God-man. The people were not looking to the strength of their prayers but to their faith that a loving God would act. God acted and love of Him increased.

Have you ever witnessed what you believe was a miracle?



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‘The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.’

—Luke 7:15

Different View

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Food for Thought

In an April column for *America* magazine, Father Robert P. Imbelli, a priest of the Archdiocese of New York, wrote about the pope's recent apostolic exhortation on marriage and the family, "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love"). Father Imbelli brought up a theme that the pope writes about in a chapter about the "transformation of love."

Married or not, transformation is a concept central to us as Christians, and it is necessary to grow and thrive.

"Authentic loving relations are infinitely ... demanding," said Father Imbelli, because they require "ongoing interior transformation." While two people in a marriage come as individuals, marriage changes them individually as they become part of a unit.

"To this transformation husband and wife solemnly and sacramentally pledge themselves in Christian marriage," he wrote.

While some parts of this transformation can bring challenges and denote hardship, there are positive aspects, too, since transformation can also include maturity.

It is a concept that the pope also brought up in his exhortation, quoting the final report of the world Synod of Bishops on the family, when he said that "with the grace of the Holy Spirit," the vocation of married life can help transform "difficulties and sufferings into an offering of love."

Any Time is Good to Remember the Women Who Form Us

Although May is when we honor the women in our lives, and for me, that it is when I most marvel at what my mother did for me, there is never a bad time to honor the women in our lives.

Along with my father, my mother gave me the emotional intelligence to work hard, fulfill commitments, be dependable and make sacrifices for the common good of the family. She also gave me (her oldest), along with her nine other children, a strong foundation in faith. That's because my parents could give us little else, but it was the most important thing they could give.

We were in the midst of the Great Depression. My parents were dry-land farmers who cultivated vegetables, corn and wheat. Goats, hogs and cows provided milk, lard and meat. But there were many mouths to feed: five sons and destined to increase to eight sons and two daughters. We never went hungry, but we often lacked fruit and even potatoes. At school, we asked classmates who had oranges in their lunches to give us the peels.

We lived largely outside the cash economy. What little money we had went to buy necessities: shoes, cloth for Mother to sew into clothes, kerosene for light (we had no electricity), oatmeal and, sometimes, canned fruit. There was only one Christmas morning

Seeking Life



by Moises Sandoval

Catholic News Service

when we found stockings filled with candy, peanuts, nuts and an apple. But my mother was always doing little things to assure our future. On the denim overalls she sewed for us, there was always a pocket on the bib for a pencil, and there was usually a pencil stub in it. She also gave me a particular gift whose effects I enjoy to this day.

Typewriters fascinated me. My grandfather Enrique Perea had an ancient manual Underwood in his attic and whenever we went to visit, I would go up there to admire it. When I was 11 years old, she bought me a toy typewriter that actually typed, although very slowly.

I still wonder how she found it. We had no car or truck and thus trips to Las Vegas, New Mexico, the nearest town 20 miles away, were rare, a half-day by horse-drawn wagon. And she would not have found it there anyway. She must have ordered it from the Montgomery Ward catalog.

I loved my typewriter, carried it to school and

tried to do my homework on it. We were bused every day to a school in Rociada, New Mexico, with four rooms, one for each two grades. In the fourth grade, my teacher found I could do fifth-grade work and, at his suggestion, I went to summer school in Las Vegas. I completed fifth grade in six weeks, returning in the fall as a sixth-grader.

My typewriter went with me to Las Vegas, where I lived with an aunt and uncle, Alice and Geraldo Martinez. I still have the postcard I typed on it and mailed to my dad on June 20, 1941. It said: "I haven't got lost in town. It is so easy to go to school. I am doing fifth-grade work. I have a very good teacher."

I did not realize it at the time, but I had found the primary tool of my profession. That prized gift, lost when we moved to Colorado in 1944, was the first of many typewriters, including my grandfather's old Underwood. They included manual typewriters, portables, electric typewriters and finally computers — from the earliest available to the most modern.

Every family, no matter how poor, has the inner resources to assure a future for its children. Nine of us graduated from college, without financial help from parents. They empowered us to do it on our own.

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Thanks to All the Former Seminarians Who Found Their True Vocations

Soon after my grandson turned 11, I said to him, "Well, in three years you can move away from home." He looked at me. "That's what I did," I said.

He turned to his mom. "Really?" he asked since he knew his grandfather can be one who stretches the truth. "Really," she said. "A boarding school," I said.

I suppose that period of my life was on my mind because recently I'd had lunch with three high school classmates, a bit of a mini-reunion, with one-third of our 12-member graduating class attending.

In the fall of 1966, we were the first group in my region to enter the seminary after the Second Vatican Council and, like the church in general, we had little idea of what lay ahead. It wasn't surprising that it hit our student body a bit more strongly than most other Catholic schools. Ours was a minor seminary, from freshmen in high school through sophomores in college.

Your Family



by Bill Dodds

Catholic News Service

It was a boarding school system that traced its roots back to the Middle Ages and the Council of Trent and a system that ran smack into Vatican II and the 1960s. Or perhaps better put, Vatican II and the 1960s ran smack into it and change was inevitable.

These days it's hard to imagine a group of 14-year-old boys eager to live a secluded and rigid life as we did. It's hard to imagine parents thinking it's a good idea. It's hard to imagine a diocese that could afford the cost.

The truth is it wasn't very practical when it came to the final numbers. Early in our first year one of our teachers (all of whom were priests, all referred to as

"profs") told us that statistically one in 10 of the 35 original class members would go on for 12 years and get ordained.

He was right. Three were ordained. Years later, one died of a heart attack, one left and got married, and one became the U.S. provincial of a missionary order. And of the other class of 1970 graduates (by then our numbers had dwindled from 35 to a dozen), three became lawyers, two social workers, one a nurse, one a phone company employee, one a teacher and one a writer.

It was the same prof who told those 14-year-olds that some of us didn't have a vocation to the priesthood but we did have a vocation to be in the seminary for a while. Much to my surprise, that would include me. Marriage was my vocation and what a blessing it was.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH.

Gospel for June 5, 2016
Luke 7:11-17

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

NAIN	DISCIPLES	CROWD
THE GATE	WHO HAD DIED	CARRIED OUT
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PEOPLE	JUDEA	SURROUNDING

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Aurora—Holy Angels: Dr. Ellen G. Burke, 91, May 20;

DEKALB—St. Mary: John F. Nolan, 97, May 11;

DURAND/IRISH GROVE—St. Mary/St. Patrick: William Mareth, 85, May 19;

HUNTLEY—St. Mary: Genevieve Glynn, 98, April 22; Mary Halewa, 79, April 25; Barbara Mangan, 71, April 26; Jennie Wessman, 70, April 27; John Hybl, 71, April 29; Teofile Mead, 97, May 6; John Szaraniec, Jr., 72, May 11; Marie Gagilano, 92, May 13; Peter Floreani, 80, May 14; Dennis Laymon, 65, May 14; Leroy Berkebile, 95, May 17; Jeanette Schooley, 71, May 18; Barbara Berg, 91, May 21; Thomas Hoard, 62, May 22;

ROCK FALLS—St. Andrew: John A. Celletti, 68, May 19;

ROCKFORD—Cathedral of St. Peter: Zygmunt A. Licwinko, 87, May 14;

ST. CHARLES—St. John Neumann: Helen Florence Andre, 81,

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SANDWICH—St. Paul the Apostle: Cyril R. Sherman, 85, May 17.

Weddings

HUNTLEY—St. Mary: Kara Giese and Jeff Martin, April 23; Natalie Stout and John Murphy, May 14; Paula Licht and Kenneth Keeton, May 14.

Mass Meditation

Sunday, June 5 (10th Ordinary): Both the first reading and the Gospel remind us powerfully that every breath we take is a gift from God. How conscious am I of this first and most precious gift? Am I a good steward of the life and time with which I have been blessed?

Courtesy of Sharon Hueckel

Stewardship Moment

The standard of giving: The standard of Christian giving is Jesus Christ. We should imitate Him, seeking to give our very selves, as He did. God wants us to give openly, freely, in thanksgiving to Him who first gave to us, and without whose gifts we would be nothing at all.

Courtesy of Parish Publications "Stewardship" newsletter

Life Moment

Pray: That those who are ill may turn with faith to the saving power of God, and that those in the medical profession may be blessed in their healing work, we pray to the Lord.

Courtesy of www.priestsforlife.org

Thanks to All the Former Seminarians Who Found Their True Vocations

From page 25

Around this time of year, many dioceses and religious orders will be celebrating ordinations to the priesthood. These days the path to holy orders remains one less traveled, but now it's also one less medieval.

Among those who walked that seminary trail for a time, some truly are dedicated laymen who serve the church and society in many, many ways over many, many years.

God bless the new priests and God bless all of their former classmates.



(Photo provided)

Aurora Knights Help Pantry

Knights of Columbus Cardinal Bellarmine Council 4849 from Holy Angels Parish in Aurora donated more than 1,500 pounds of food and a check for \$500 to the Holy Angels Food Pantry in Aurora. The donation was part of the Food for Families program sponsored by the Knights. Pantry Director Frances Phelan accepts the check from council Recorder Bill Dugan, who was representing Grand Knight Matt Guthrie.

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“Papal Events: Canonization Mass” —June 5, 3-5 a.m.

(EWTN): The canonization Mass of Blessed Stanislaus of Jesus and Mary and Blessed Maria Elisabeth Hesselblad, live from St. Peter’s Square in Rome. Repeat: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (TV-G)

“The Highwaymen Live at Nassau Coliseum” —June 5, 7-8:30 p.m. (PBS):

“The Highwaymen Live at Nassau Coliseum.” This 1990 concert features Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash and Kris Kristofferson. (TV-G)

“Franciscan University Presents: The Masculine Genius” —June 5, 9-10 p.m. (EWTN):

St. Paul’s Seminary professor of theology and philosophy Deborah Savage defines the “masculine genius” and explores its necessary role in family, society and the church. Professors Regis Martin and Scott Hahn also join host Michael Hernon. (TV-G)

“Barbarians Rising” —June 6, 8-10 p.m. (History):

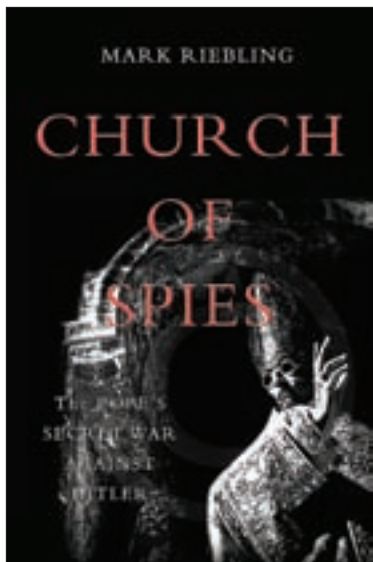
First episode of a four-part docudrama that recounts the rise and fall of the Roman Empire from the perspective of the Barbarian leaders who struggled for centuries to bring it down. The historical figures profiled include Hannibal, who vowed a blood oath against Rome at the age of 9; Spartacus, the slave-turned-rebel who led a widespread revolt; Boudica, the Celtic warrior queen; Arminius, the stolen son of Germany; and Attila, scourge of the East. Continues Mondays through June 27, 8-10 p.m.

“The Kingston Trio Celebration” —June 7, 8-9:30 p.m. (PBS):

The famed folk group’s biggest hits are performed by the current trio, Bob Shane and special guests. (TV-G)

“Streets of Compton” —

June 9, 8-10 p.m. (A&E): First two back-to-back episodes of a three-part documentary series about the history of Compton, Calif., as seen through the eyes of current and former residents, including musicians and celebrities. The series ends June 16, 9-10 p.m.



(CNS photo)

“Church of Spies: The Pope’s Secret War Against Hitler” by Mark Riebling. Basic Books (New York, 2015). 384 pp., \$29.99.



Read the full review and more at <http://observer.rockforddiocese.org/book-club-blog>.

Book Reveals Pope’s Secret Spy Network During World War II

(CNS)—Who really was Pope Pius XII during World War II? Was he a weak pope, too afraid to speak out publicly against Hitler? Or was he an expert diplomat, calculatingly using his position to help posture assassination attempts of the horrific German leader?

Author Mark Riebling’s book, “Church of Spies: The Pope’s Secret War against Hitler,” contends that the pontiff was indeed a skilled man who used his role to help German plotters attempt to kill Hitler. The book even suggests that his initiatives came at the cost of his legacy and reputation, a point of wide controversy for historians. “Church of Spies” reads like

a spy thriller that is exhaustingly researched, as shown by its more than 100 pages of notes and sources.

Riebling, a former editor at Random House and author of “Wedge: The Secret War Between the FBI and CIA,” has researched and written about intelligence for various publications.

He shares with readers many vivid details about the underground communication, secret meetings and failed attempts to take Hitler’s life; the book truly is a treasure trove of surprising information.

“Church of Spies” reveals that the Pope Pius’ much-criticized public silence during World

War II was in fact part of a cover for underground diplomacy, spy games and double agents. So ingrained was the pope in his secrecy during this time that he had an audio recording system built into the walls of the papal library.

A key player in the master plan for a peaceful Germany, the pope was part of a network of people pretending to be something they were not to help link the internal and external enemies of Hitler. Pope Pius’ code name during the operations was “chief,” a name the pope apparently liked.

— Reviewed by Regina Lordan for Catholic News Service

At the Movies

Alice Through the Looking Glass



(Disney) The heroine of this forced, mechanical follow-up to Tim Burton’s “Alice in Wonderland” (2010) is not Lewis Carroll’s curious 7-year-old girl but an intrepid sea captain with an entrepreneurial streak. Alice (Mia Wasikowska) travels back in time in the fantasy realm of Underland to learn what happened to the family of the Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp). Returning to the real world of 1875 London, she defends her family’s legacy. Despite exciting visuals, a talented ensemble, and glittery costume and makeup designs, this 3-D adventure, directed by James Bobin, feels inert — audacious yet tediously familiar at the same time.

THIS FILM CONTAINS moderately intense fantasy action, several instances of cruel behavior, and mild oaths.

X-Men: Apocalypse



(Fox) Directed by Bryan Singer from a script by Simon Kinberg, this ninth film in the Marvel Comics series raises the bar on mindless mayhem. It lays waste famous landmarks in eye-popping 3-D to the backing of a soundtrack that will have viewers longing for some aspirin. Unearthed by overzealous archeologists, history’s first mutant (Oscar Isaac) awakens in Egypt from a 5,000-year slumber with a serious god complex and the goal of using his superpowers to destroy the Earth. He harnesses four equally superhuman “horsemen” (Michael

Fassbender, Olivia Munn, Ben Hardy and Alexandra Shipp) to do his wicked bidding.

Allied against the forces of evil are a headmaster (James McAvoy) and his good-mutant students (Jennifer Lawrence, Sophie Turner, Tye Sheridan and Nicholas Hoult). The stage is set for an epic battle that will confirm weary moviegoers in the belief that war is hell.

THIS FILM CONTAINS mostly stylized gun and physical violence, potentially confusing religious references, body-suit costuming, at least one rough term, fleeting profane and crude language.

— Catholic News Service



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Kelly McCracken has been promoted to president of Franciscan Media, publisher of St. Anthony Messenger

magazine, Servant Books and AmericanCatholic.org.

PART TIME ORGANIST NEEDED

St. Patrick Church of Hartland is looking for an organist.

Contact Music Director, Peggy O’Grady:

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Principal Vacancy

St. Mary’s Catholic School in Sycamore, IL. is seeking a new principal to lead it’s school (Pre-K – 8) beginning with the 2016-17 school year. Sycamore is located approximately 70 miles west of Chicago and less than 10 miles from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

Interested candidates must:

- Be practicing Roman Catholics;
- Possess a Master’s Degree or its equivalent in Educational Leadership;
- Hold an Administrative License in the State of Illinois;
- Have had a minimum of five years of successful teaching and/or administrative experience, preferably in a Catholic School setting.

Applicants are asked to submit the following items to the Catholic Education Office

- Cover Letter;
- Current Resume;
- Professional Credentials

All of the above items should be directed to:

Michael Kagan
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Rockford, IL. 61125

Principal Vacancy

Holy Family Catholic School in Rockford, IL is seeking a new principal for the 2016-17 school year. Holy Family is a Pre-K-8 elementary school of over 400 students located on Rockford’s near east side.

Interested candidates must at minimum:

- Be practicing Roman Catholics;
- Possess a Master’s Degree or its equivalent in Educational leadership;
- Hold an Administrative License in the State of Illinois;
- Have had at least five years of successful teaching and/or administrative experience, preferably in a Catholic school setting.

Additional skills sought include:

- Strong written & verbal communication skills;
- Experience evaluating teachers (knowledge of the Danielson model preferred);
- Some experience with creating and managing school budgets;
- Ability to utilize technology to communicate to stakeholders

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Catholics in the Elgin area responded to the need for supplies after an earthquake struck Ecuador April 17. Helping load the truck are Father Jesus Domingez (seated, front right), Sisters Carmen Trejo and Herlinda Rodriguez, along with volunteers Octavio Hernandez, Francisco Rodriguez, Vincente Carbajal, Valentina Charria and Melissa Mendoza. The supplies were delivered to the Ecuadorian consul in Chicago and sent on to quake victims.

Band wins medals: The Marmion-Rosary band earned 30 medals at the Wisconsin School Music Association state solo and ensemble contest. Only students with star-ranked performances in the Class A competition at districts competed at state, which was held at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee April 30. The Marmion-Rosary Band brought home 28 gold medals. Students from the Aurora schools who received one or more gold medals were: Jared Beltz, David Farrell, Edison Hurh, Harrison Kearby, Peter Kelly, Sam Kluber, Matt Lagman, Carlos Luna, Lucas McDonald, Michael Mehr, Keith Mokry, Ben Rydecki, Isaac Schielble, Anna Stephens, Phillip Grant Swanson, David Tennant, and Ryan Thornton. Two Marmion-Rosary Band students also received two State Silver medals: Harrison Kearby and Ryan Thornton. The band is under the direction of Stephen Thurlow and Brian Birch; soloists were accompanied by pianist Kris-



ten Young. **Wins grant:** Rosary High School in Aurora has received a matching grant from the Dunham Fund for a new communications system. The system connects teachers, students, and parents, as well as alumnae, local businesses, and other supporters. As technology continues to progress, Rosary plans to stream-

line its inquiry, applications, admissions, and donation processes through the system. Parents and donors will use online forms and individual accounts, saving time in data entry and having detailed information at their fingertips.

Math team wins: The Marmion Academy math team placed third in Division 2A of the ICTM state math finals May 7 at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Marmion took 13 plaques from wins in 11 of the 12 areas of competition. The calculator team — seniors Harrison Kearby and Lucas McDonald, junior Ryan Thornton, sophomore Keith Mokry and freshman Michael Neff — tied for the highest score in the state and ended up coming in second after a tie-breaker. The junior-senior two-person team of seniors McDonald and A.J. Rechenmacher scored the most points towards the team totals, taking second place in a four-team playoff. All four of Marmion's relay teams medalled in each of their events: freshman-sophomore team one freshmen James Michuda and Neff, sophomores Matthew Lagman and Mokry, and the junior-senior team one, juniors Quinn Gratz and David Tennant, and seniors Valen Piotrowski and Kearby each ending the day as state champions. Team captains are seniors Jack Diederich, Kearby, Lucas McDonald, Piotrowski and Rechenmacher. Coaches are John Salomone, Carol Kinzer, Deb Wilkinson, Mike Meaden and Joe Large.

State director appointed: Mary Glosion of Aurora will be Chicago Province (State of Illinois) director for the National Council of Catholic Women. She was appointed to the post by Bishop David Malloy. She will be installed at the NCCW convention in September in Indianapolis for a two-year term. The role of Province Director rotates around the six dioceses in the state, coming to Rockford every 12th year. Glosion will represent the Diocesan Councils of Catholic Women at the national level. Glosion has served the Rockford DCCW in many capacities, including two non-consecutive terms as president. She has had much experience in the workings of the diocesan council, from parish to the national level.

Mary Glosion

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