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Mooney)



Fishers artist inspired to paint, bring love of saints to others

By Caroline B. Mooney
The Catholic Moment

FISHERS — Jill Metz has learned to listen to the nudgings of the Holy Spirit. She felt called to enter the Catholic Church in 2009 and, more recently, to paint portraits of the saints. Those portraits can now be seen in her Saint of the Month Club.

"God had called me to start painting the saints," she said. "I didn't think I could — I had never painted portraits," said Metz, a member of St. John Vianney Parish in Fishers.

A successful mixed media artist, she taught workshops and thought "it would be radical to go into this Catholic mode with saints."

Especially considering that just 10 years ago, the former Protestant felt that her relationship with Jesus "had really dried up."

"I was in a Bible study

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have a few memories that are distinct, even if the conversations are fuzzy. About 10 years ago, one of my parishioners was standing in the doorway to my office. During our conversation, I must have mentioned some difficulties with some abrupt reassignments. How twice I was the last to learn of them. In one case, the diocesan paper had already gone to press before I got a clue.

Ron stepped in and closed the door. He was one of many retired Naval officers in the parish who worked at the local nuclear power station.

"Father, wasn't that what you signed up for?" he asked. "My last Navy move came while I was living with my family in Italy. I went to work one day and was simply told that I had been reassigned. It was up to me to go home and tell my wife and kids that we were moving to another country. This is happening to service people all the time.

The message: Father, don't feel you are special.

Today, I am in a different position as I reflect on these things. Because we are the Church, some of us think that change should be easily understood and communicated. Things are rarely simple in personnel matters, and there is much that correctly remains unpublished. Here are some considerations:

• Parishes are geographical, and membership is based on residence location. Pope Francis said, "The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, charitable outreach, worship and celebration" (Joy of the Gospel, #28). It is difficult to

plan both for where people live and for where they actually affiliate. Change is a constant for

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Church and parish life. The best things parishioners do to create a stable and welcoming community are praying together and supporting functioning pastoral and finance councils.

• Change is a part of Indiana Catholic history. Our diocese was split from the Diocese of Fort Wayne in 1944. By then, many parishes in what is now our diocese had already expe-

rienced 60 years of population decline. Of course, huge growth continues along our southern tier of counties.

• There is the saying, "the further you can look back, the farther ahead you will be able to see." The Diocese of Fort Wayne: A Book of Historical Reference 1669-1907 by Rt. Rev. H.J. Alerding (1907) is dense with information about our present territory. Another book that chooses a layperson's perspective through six U.S. eras is *The* Faithful: A History of Catholics in America (Harvard University Press, 2008). These books recall Santayana's observation, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." History informs present processes, but does not remove the possibility of happy surprises or stubborn mistakes. By the way, if you have a copy of Bishop Alerding's book to donate, I can find it a home.

• The histories trace moments when the local bishop was resented as an "outsider" meddling in parish life. This is understandable when Catholic minorities live among many neighbors that hire and fire their own preachers. Never look down upon the proud American desire for self-governance; it

produces some great energies in parishes, but it should not confuse us about the appointed role of the bishop. Some parisĥioners in my first pastorate resisted the bishop's direction and fund raising, asking "what has he ever done for us?" I learned that they always had a priest, and never had sent a son to the seminary in 115 years.

• Parishes need to change pastoral leadership every six to 12 years. The process uncovers new opportunities, new ways of framing the call to faith. Change reminds us that laypeople have a baptismal right to leadership and are much more than "Father's helpers.'

• The good of priests, as a group, requires change. They must have varied postings in order to develop skills and experience. Their own ministry is enriched and they become qualified to mentor newer priests and deacons The presbyterate (the group of priests as a whole) is a living part of the diocesan Church. The Catholic Church has a diocesan ("local Church") identity within other regions, and some priests' work unifies a wider identity in protecting life, and promoting education and social outreach. A priest with various assigned experiences is valuable to the Church across the state and country.

• It is difficult to assess how certain parishes are "consumers" of priests in relation to being "builders" of priests. I join the majority of priests in acknowledging that previous parishes shaped me significantly. Parishes rightly expect a servant-priest, but this must be joined to a parish's desire to help their priest to enjoy effectiveness and health. This last point is important to me as I work to make "good" assignments.



May 27 The Most **Holy Trinity Cycle B Readings:**

1) Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

2) Romans 8:14-17

3) Gospel: Matthew 28:16-

Monday, May 28 1) 1 Peter 1:3-9

2) Gospel: Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, May 29 1) 1 Peter 1:10-16

2) Gospel: Mark: 10:28-31 Wednesday, May 30

1) 1 Peter 1:18-25 2) Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Thursday, May 31 1) Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16 2) Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Friday, June 1 1) 1 Peter 4:7-13 2) Gospel: Mark 11:11-26

Saturday, June 2 1) Jude 17, 20b-25 2) Gospel: Mark 11:27-33

The texts of Scripture readings for the Mass for every day of the week are linked to the diocesan Web site at www.dol-in.org.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis, St. Vincent PEOPLE & Health and Franciscan PLACES Health will sponsor a "Hospice and Palliative Care Conference" from

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 26, at the Evans Center at Marian University, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. The morning will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and welcome

and prayer with Archbishop Charles C. Thompson at 9 a.m. The conference seeks to provide education and tools to better care for and support those in their

final stages of life. The morning will include presentations and discussions with palliative care professionals from St. Vincent Health and Franciscan

Health. For more information about registration and the conference, visit the Web site at www.archindy. org/humanlife anddignity/ ministrieshealth.html or

call Keri Carroll at 317-236-1521.



Psychologist, author and national radio and TV host Dr. Ray Guarendi recently spoke on "Laughter: The Sanity of Family" at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Carmel. Nearly 200 people attended the presentation, which was sponsored by the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School Council. (Photo by Brigid Curtis Ayer)

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and I wasn't feeling his presence. One day, I literally heard him call me into the Catholic Church and I said, 'Anything but that.'"

Married for 19 years to a cradle Catholic, Metz attended Mass with her husband and two children, but said her feelings about the Eucharist prevented her from entering the Church.

"I didn't see how that could really be Jesus," she said. "When I heard God call me into the Church, I said he had to give me a sign."

That night, as she put her son to bed, he handed her a red rosary with hearts, saying, "Mom, I want you to have this."

That was the sign she needed, and she entered the RCIA at St. John Vianney Parish.

"I was a stubborn student, and I asked my pastor, Father Brian Dudzinski, lots of questions," Metz said. "He was a good priest for me to be exposed to and learn from."

After entering the Church, she said, she kept hearing God ask her to paint the saints.

"I was hesitant, but I agreed to try," she said. "People ask how I hear God talk to me, and I say it's because I need him to. I believe it's God grace, but I have to hear it."

Metz thought she would start by painting the Blessed Mother.

"Throughout the painting, I kept hearing, 'Lucy, Lucy,'" she said. "I googled



her and thought — she's the patron saint of blindness. I realized I was painting St. Lucy"

Two weeks after finishing the painting of St. Lucy, Metz had an eye appointment

"A week or two before, I had started to lose the vision in my right eye. It was getting worse — I couldn't paint, watch TV or read," she said. "After visiting my optometrist and then an ophthalmologist, no one could diagnose the cause, but determined the only means of treatment was to have monthly steroid shots in my right eye. On the way home, I started letting it sink in. The Holy Spirit said, 'Remember St. Lucy.'

"I told my husband, 'I think we're supposed to pray to St. Lucy' and we immediately started praying for her intercession," Metz said. "I asked close family and friends to do the same."

Within days, a "black blob" she saw in her eye began to change.

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"I told my husband, 'I think God is healing me.' It kept getting smaller and smaller until it disappeared," she said. "I feel so blessed. I never made it to my first treatment ... God had healed me! I had a spiritual blindness, a disobedience. I knew God had a calling for you, but still felt, 'Who am I to paint a saint?' It's all God.

"Painting the saints is an exercise of surrender," she said. "Every time I sit down to the canvas and don't think I can do it, some of the saints flow right out, while others are just painstaking."

Metz started making and selling prayer cards with her saint paintings.

"One customer told me she read the cards with her girls and they would talk about them and pray," she said. "Then she asked if I had thought about starting a Saint of the Month Club."

Metz couldn't stop thinking about the idea.

"It lent itself to what I think my mission is: to bring a love of the saints to everyone," she said. "I think we are in a radical time of faith, grace and mercy and God is pouring out all of his gifts. It's an uprising of grace. As a convert to the faith, I didn't really

understand the saints or Marv.

"I try to be disposed to what God wants," Metz said. "If I need to go to confession, I won't go into my studio — that would feel like a betrayal of what God has done. The Saint of the Month Club is awesome, but it's been an amazing amount of work. It's hard, but God always gets it done."

The Saint of the Month Club is geared toward children from 5 to 11 years old. Each month's box contains a holy card with an intercessory prayer to the saint, a fact card about the saint, a coloring page, a craft, book, CD or DVD; and a coin, medal, medallion or token.

"I also include a monthly challenge such as make a cake on Pentecost Sunday and sing 'Happy Birthday' to the Church or make baked goods and take them as a gift to a local fire department," Metz said. "I really think that young kids today really need the saints — they are superheroes.

"I will continue to share the saints, but the Holy Spirit is a big part of that and it's about the family of God," she said. "Confirmation, baptism — how are we utilizing the Holy Spirit in our life? If you ask someone that and they don't have an answer, then that's an invitation for a greater relationship with Jesus and his Church."

Sara McKillip, 9, a member of St. Patrick Parish, Kokomo, has been receiving the Saint of the Month Club for more than a year.

"I like learning about the lives of the saints. The crafts are also a lot of fun," she said. "My family says the prayers and does the activities together and we learn about the saints. Every night as we end our family prayer, we ask the saint of that month to pray for us.

"I have learned about the lives of saints and gained a better understanding of the saints," McKillip said. "I like all the art, but I especially like the painting of St. Michael the Archangel because he is my patron saint. The Saint of the Month Club is a good club and you should join. Your children will love it!"

For more information about Metz and the Saint of the Month Club, go to her Web site: www.truoriginal.com/saint-of-the-month.



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n this Memorial Day, as we honor those who have fallen fighting for our freedom, let us also remember those from our parishes who have gone before us.

These names were provided by the parishes and were published in The Catholic Moment. The decedents died between May 1, 2017, and April 30, 2018.

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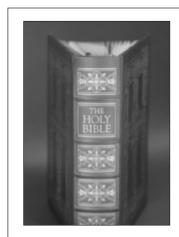
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Father Bob Williams celebrates 50 years of priesthood

By Caroline B. Mooney

The Catholic Moment

MUNCIE — Celebrating 50 years as a priest, Father Bob Williams, 75, retired last year, but his ministry hasn't ended.

In residence at St. Lawrence, Muncie, he helps at the parish, particularly with Spanish Masses. He also travels around the diocese — recently to Noblesville, Marion, Gas City, Rochester, Logansport, Otterbein, Oxford and Union City — to celebrate Mass for his brother priests.

rdained on May 25, 1968, by Bishop Raymond J. Gallagher, the Kokomo native said he had thought of the priesthood "since I was in fourth grade at St. Patrick School. But in those days, we were all told to be priests by the Irish nuns who taught us."

His first assignment was associate pastor of St. Lawrence, Muncie. He was named associate pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in West Lafayette in 1973.

In 1974, Father Williams received his first pastorate at St. Henry, Medaryville, and went on to be pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church in Hartford City.

"I am still in touch with a few people from Medaryville," he said. "In my first week back at St. Lawrence, a couple I had married asked me to go out with them for their 47th wedding anniversary. Those are the kind of things you remember and they are a real source of joy."

In 1984, he became pastor of St. Mary, Anderson. There for 29 years, he has many fond memories, but said he greatly enjoyed all of his assignments.

"Father Bob arrived at St. Mary on July 4, 1984," said parishioner Mary Pat Marstall. "That afternoon he came to a gathering of church friends and as the new parish director of religious education, I was anxious to know if our new pastor was 'on board' with the implementation of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It was to be a priority in my ministry and while not knowing exactly what RCIA involved, I was excited to jump in. At lunch, I pur-



Father Bob Williams was ordained May 25, 1968. He served as pastor of parishes in Medaryville, Hartford City, Anderson and Delphi. (Photo by Caroline B. Mooney)

posefully sat next to him. Without any regard for his comfort level, I interrogated him about his experience with RCIA. I boldly showed him materials I'd acquired from a two-week seminar in Washington, D.C. I will never understand why he didn't fire me on the spot!

"We laugh now as he tells me how he was fervently wishing he could be rid of this nagging woman so he could just sit, relax and eat his hot dog and beans!" she said. "His vision and wisdom empowered me to implement the RCIA to the fullest. Working with the people wanting to become Catholic had a great impact on my personal faith journey, and equally influenced my ministry's approach to all other parts of my ministry: sacramental preparation, adult faith formation, the assembly, the community, and mostly in worship. As pastor, he was my mentor, teacher and a witness to the Gospel. For Father Bob, the Word of God is a verb, to be lived. He may no longer be pastor, but he will always be servant priest."

In 2008, Father Williams also was named pastor of St. Ambrose, Anderson; and in 2013, his last assignment was a four-year pastorate at St. Joseph, Delphi.

"Father Bob is an exceptional person," Bishop Emeritus William L. Higi said. "He is extremely faithful about attending diocesan events, like his brother priests' ordinations and funerals.

"He was particularly good at reaching out to older people," he said. "My mother was a member of St. Mary, Anderson, when Father Bob was assigned there. She had difficulty adjusting to him, but in time, became his greatest fan. He reached out to her and they became buddies

"He was one of the most successful priests when it came to Fruitful Harvest," Bishop Higi said. "Father Bob made sure that every parishioner was visited — he called upon a lot of people personally. He remained faithful to the whole purpose of Fruitful Harvest. It's more than just fund raising — it's about serving the parish, too. He followed through and his parishes did exceptionally well.

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"Father Bob always reached out to Hispanics — he learned how to communicate well with them," he said. "He took trips to Mexico, to one or two villages where most of the people in our diocese were from. He was surprised to see pictures of himself in almost every home he entered."

Father Williams said that in the last 25 years as Hispanic people "kept arriving and arriving in our diocese, we were there to meet them and make them welcome. It became a parish ministry. It was very enriching for all of us who were involved. We used the integration model as opposed to the assimilation model. Assimilation says, 'Come on in and we'll make you at home — with all of our customs.' The integration model says, 'Come on in and bring your customs. We want you to come in and be welcome as you are.' The bishops in their 1972 pastoral letter were very explicit in that. I went around quoting it all the time. The Hispanic ministry has been a blessing to me."

Since Father Williams' retirement began last June 28, a joy of his status has been visiting and reconnecting with people he hasn't seen in a long time. He has made time for reading and a little painting. An avid gardener, he brought some of his plants to Muncie and has canned produce to share with family and friends.

When schedules allow, he cooks for Father Dave Hellmann, pastor of St. Lawrence, Muncie, who invited him to live at the parish when he heard about Father Williams' retirement.

"He didn't think I was serious, but I asked again," Father Hellmann said. "He thought about it and moved here. I'm glad I offered. I'm glad I have both his company and his ministry to the parish.

"He's very pastoral and always has a great concern for the people," Father Hellmann said. "He has great respect for the dignity of people, no matter the background or who they are.

"In 1973, when I was just ordained, I came to St. Lawrence as he was leaving — it had been his first assignment, too. When I visited shut-ins, I would hear things like, 'Father Bob goes to McDonald's and gets two lunches.' One was for him and the other for whoever he was visiting.

"One man showed me the tomatoes he was growing from plants Father Bob gave him. He made people involved and contribute, which would make them feel worthwhile and important. That impressed me," Father Hellmann said.

"Every year he tried to learn something new — once it was flying lessons," he said. "When Father Bob got into playing Scrabble, he studied the two- and three-letter words. Whenever he approached something, he dove into it."

Father Williams wrote columns in his parish bulletins for more than 40 years, and spent 10 years writing about the Rite of Christian Initiation in "The Rite Stuff," a weekly column in *The Catholic Moment*.

In a recent St. Lawrence bulletin, Father Williams reflected on the tumultuous times when he was a seminarian and new priest.

"Has it really been 50 years since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.? How well I remember it. We were deacons at St. Meinrad School of Theology when the news came. And Bobby Kennedy was heading from Muncie to Indianapolis where he would mount a parked flatbed truck and keep a city at peace. Mercy!

"But the year only got worse," he said. "In June of 1968, Bobby Kennedy was assassinated and the war in Vietnam had the nation pretty well divided.

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'He has been a blessing to so many'

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"And, the Chicago Democratic Convention erupted with Mayor Daley at the helm. Quite a summer.

"On May 21 of that year, the National Federation of Priests' Councils (NFPC) was founded in Chicago ... This was a big deal for me as I would receive lots of experience and formation with that group," he said.

"The NFPC was a big part

"The NFPC was a big part of my last 50 years," Father Williams said. "The organization was founded four days before I was ordained. It was in *Time* magazine — I remember reading that article and thinking it would be easy to remember, but I never realized I'd be in the middle of it for years and years."

Father Williams served on the diocesan Presbyteral Council from 1971 to 2013 (with a one-year lapse) and was council chair six times. He was dean of the Anderson Deanery, and has been a member of the diocesan College of Consultors, Priestly Ministry and Personnel Board, and the Fruitful Harvest steering committee.

His involvement in the NFPC included a term as vice president and a fouryear term on the Advisory Council to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

"It was energizing to be in the discussions and learning, and many times traveling with that hat on," Father Williams said. "I always found that energizing and formational."

In 2014, the priest was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by then-Gov. Mike Pence, the highest distinction in Indiana given to those who have rendered distinguished service to the state.

Rita (McEntee) Jansen, a member of St. Patrick Parish, Kokomo, is a friend since childhood — they attended first through eighth grade together at St. Patrick School, where the priest recalled they were square dance partners.

"He is and has been such a blessing to so many through the years," Jansen said. "His smile and sense of humor have put smiles on so many faces. He is a true blessing, and I'm thankful for his service."

"Father Bob's family and my family go back many years — over 80 years, actually," said Chuck Jansen, also a St. Patrick parishioner. "He and my mom and my dad's brother were all in the same grade at St. Patrick School from first through eighth grade. As they grew older, Father Bob and a couple of my uncles grew in their love for music, especially playing the guitar and singing. When my Grandpa Joe died in March of 1980, Father Bob was one of the priests who concelebrated the Mass. After Communion, he played his guitar and sang a song in honor of Grandpa and the friendship our families have shared.

"Family has always been important to Father Bob," he said. "By 'family' I mean both his biological family as well as all the people he holds close to his heart. It was not surprising to see his dedication and love as he spent as much time as possible with his mom during her final years."



A group recently gathered for Mass and to celebrate Father Richard Puetz's 99th birth-day at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center in Delphi. Two couples in attendance — Jim and Carolyn Yater and Eva Lou and Ray McGraw — celebrated their 60th wedding anniversaries this year; Father Puetz presided at both weddings. Above with Father Puetz are the McGraws, the Yaters, Denise Craig, Ruth Niece, Joe and Kay Seurnyck, Suzanne Gardiner and Kathy Shriner. Father Puetz is holding a painting of Our Lady that was a gift from the local Schoenstatt group. (Photo provided)

FROM BISHOP DOHERTY'S JUNE SCHEDULE

Friday, June 1 — Graduation, 7 p.m., Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School, Lafayette Saturday, June 2 — Priest and deacon ordinations, 11 a.m., Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Lafayette



Sunday-Tuesday, June 3-5 — Child

and Youth Protection Leadership Conference, New Orleans

Thursday, June 7 — Confirmation, 5:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi, Muncie

Friday, June 8 — Confirmation, 6:30 p.m., St. Bernard, Crawfordsville

Saturday, June 9 — V Encuentro Conference, University of Notre Dame, South Bend

Sunday, June 10 — Confirmation, 2 p.m., St. Patrick, Kokomo

Monday-Friday, June 11-15 — National Review Board/Child Protection/USCCB Conferences, Fort Lauderdale

Monday, June 18 — Confirmation, 5:30 p.m., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmel

Tuesday-Saturday, June 19-23 — International Child Protection Conference, Rome, representing the U.S. bishops' conference

REST IN PEACE



Please pray for the repose of the souls of our departed brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.

Robert Kendall, 92, died May 17. He was a member of All Saints in Logansport.

Angela Nadine (Matlock) Williams, 55, died May 5. Kenneth "Ken" Joseph Brooks, 82, died May 10. Both were members of St. Bernard in Crawfordsville.

Adrian Perez, 27, died May 10. He was a member of St. Boniface in Lafayette.

Names of the deceased are provided at the request of parishes in the diocese desiring to provide this information.



HAPPENING ... IN THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

Children at St. Charles **Borromeo Parish** in Peru recently received their First Communion. Front row: Hazel Hermosillo, **Augie Higgins** and Izabella Colelli; middle row, Carter Massie, Carter Musser, Logan Rogers and J.T. Dobbs; back row, Rita Cook, pastor **Father Adam** Mauman and Joe Finnerty. (Photo provided)





Children at St. Lawrence Parish in Lafayette recently received their First Communion. (Photo provided)

Knights of **Columbus** Council 6923 of Fishers recently received the **Indiana Knights** of Columbus annual Church Project award at the Knights' annual state convention. The council was recognized for being the rosary leaders after each weekend Mass at St. Louis de Mont-



fort Church in Fishers from October 2017 and continuing in 2018. Above: Indiana State Deputy Marty McCoy is pictured with Father Travis Stephens, chaplain of Council 6923 and associate pastor of St. Louis de Montfort Parish, Grand Knight John Baughman and other members of the Knights of Columbus. (Photo provided)

Contributions to "Happening ... in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana" are most welcome. Send items in writing to: P.O. Box 1603, Lafayette, IN 47902 or e-mail: moment@dol-in.org. Please send information at least two weeks before the event to ensure timely notice. The listing is free.

Eucharistic adoration

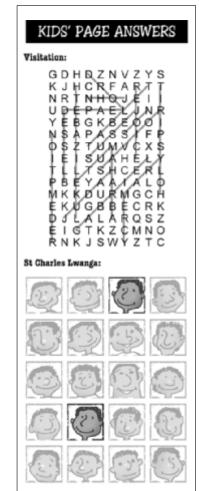
DEMOTTE — All are invited to join in Eucharistic adoration from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, June 1, at St. Cecilia Church, 334 15th St. SW. Refreshments and the opportunity for conversation will follow. The evening is sponsored by St. Cecilia's Young Adults.

Legion of Mary

LAFAYETTE — All are invited to join the Legion of Mary for the celebration of Mass at 9 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the chapel at Franciscan Health Lafayette Central. The Mass will be followed by Legion of Mary prayers and recitation of the rosary. All are invited to also join in a holy hour for America at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the chapel.

Healthy Families Fun Fair and NICU reunion

LAFAYETTE — The Franciscan Health Center for Women & Children will host the eighth annual Healthy Families Fun Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 2, on the Franciscan Health Lafayette East campus, 1701 S. Creasy Lane. The goal of the fair is to inspire families to lead an active and healthy lifestyle. The event is free and will feature fun, kid-friendly activities at every booth. Activities include: a bike helmet fitting and free bike helmets for children (while supplies last; sizes vary from toddler to teen); door prizes for adults and children; all children 18 and younger also can enter to win a bike; adult health screenings; healthy eating tips and activities; various games and activities for families and children; and the Race for Kids 5K and Kids Dash to benefit the NICU and pediatric therapy. Race registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the free Kids Dash at 9 a.m. and 5K race starting at 9:15 a.m. In addi-



tion to the Fun Fair, Franciscan Health will host a reunion for NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) "graduates." Families with children who were treated in the Home Hospital or Franciscan Health NICU are invited to come and share their experiences with other families and to visit with the NICU physicians and nurses who cared for their child. A group photo will be taken at 11 a.m. NICU grads who would like to be in the photo are asked to check in at the North registration booth by 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 765-502-4688 or visit franciscanhealth.org/ funfairlafayette.

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Blood drive

FISHERS — St. John Vianney Parish will hold a blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 3. The blood drive will be hosted by the Indiana Blood Center and sponsored through Knights of Columbus Council 14582. Appointments may be made online at www.donorpoint.org or www.sjvfishers.com. For more information, call the parish office at 317-485-0150. The parish is located at 15176 Blessed Mother Blvd. in Fishers.

HAPPENING ... IN THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

"Diabetes: Doing Better Together"

LAFAYETTE — The Franciscan Healthy Living Center will continue its "Diabetes: Doing Better Together' meetings, with the next scheduled session from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, at the center. The topic will be "Numbers That Count"; participants will learn about numbers that are vital for their health. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Each meeting is open to all patients, community members who have diabetes, family members and friends. All meetings are free. Registration for each meeting is requested by calling the center at 765-428-5850 or by visiting FranciscanHealth.org. The center is located in the lower level of the Lafayette Heart Institute, 1116 N. 16th

Rosary at the grotto

ALEXANDRIA — All are welcome to come to the grotto at St. Mary Church in Alexandria to pray the rosary at 7 p.m. on the 13th of each month from May through October. Join the Daughters of Isabella in reciting the rosary as Our Lady of Fatima requested. Those attending are encouraged to bring their rosaries, lawn chairs, family and friends. If raining, bring umbrellas; in case of stormy



weather, the rosary will be prayed inside the church.

Better Breathers Club

LAFAYETTE — The Franciscan Healthy Living Center continues its Better Breathers Club monthly meetings, with the next meeting scheduled from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13. The center is located in the Lafayette Heart Institute Building, 1116 N. 16th St., on the campus of Franciscan Health Lafayette Central. The Better Breathers Club is a program of the American Lung Association. Designed for patients and community members to learn ways to better cope with COPD and other respiratory issues, it provides support and education to those who participate. The club is open to all patients and community members who have COPD, lung diseases, asthma, emphysema, chronic bronchitis or other respiratory issues. The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. June's meeting will be a "Game Day" with club members; light refreshments will be served. The meetings are free, but registration is

encouraged. To register, call the Franciscan Healthy Living Center at 765-428-5850.

Golf outing

LAFAYETTE — Knights of Columbus Assembly 249 will host a golf outing on Friday, June 22, at the Battle Ground Golf Club. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at noon. The day also will include dinner and prizes for first-, second- and thirdplace teams, closest to the pin, longest putt and longest drive. Cost is \$100 per person. All proceeds will benefit Matrix LifeCare Center, St. Ann Parish's soup kitchen and the Knights' scholarship fund. Co-sponsors of the outing include Twin City Dodge, Mecko's Heating and Cooling, and Thieme and Adair, CPAs. Registration forms are available online at www. facebook.com/kcassembly 249/ Forms also are available by e-mailing Jeff Schumaker at jnschumaker@ frontier.com or calling 765-491-2667. Registration deadline is Sunday, June 10.

Save the date/Car show

LAFAYETTE — Knights of Columbus Council 456 will host its eighth annual charity car show on Saturday, July 7, at Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School, 2410 S. Ninth St. The Knights have raised more than \$35,000 with the car show, which has become

one of the largest shows in the area. The day will include food, music and family fun. The Knights always welcome new sponsors and donors for the event. For more information, call Matt Lewis at 765-532-6945.

Golf outing

OXFORD — Knights of Columbus Council 9400 will hold a golf outing on Saturday, July 28, at the Oak Grove Country Club in Oxford. Cost is \$40 per person. The four-person scramble will include a shotgun start at 1 p.m. A meal will be served following golf. The outing will include longest drive and closest to pin prizes. Proceeds will benefit Benton County Special Olympics, local food pantries and Life Teen. Hole sponsorships are available for \$25 for personal or \$50 for business sponsorships. For more information or to register, call Tom Etter at 765-385-2185 or 765-385-2713.

WorldWide Marriage **Encounter**

Married couples in the Lafayette diocese and Indianapolis area are invited to restore, renew and rekindle their marriages through Marriage Encounter Weekends and Sharing Circles. Those wishing to make a first-time (or another) weekend may apply at www.wwme.org. Upcoming

Official

Deacon Mark C. Miller, incardinated in the Diocese of San Antonio, Texas, and residing in Indianapolis, Indiana, is appointed to serve at Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville, effective May 8, 2018, and continues ad nutum episcopi.

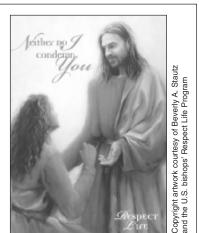


Timothy L. Doherty Bishop of Lafayette-in-Indiana

weekends to be held in Indianapolis include Oct. 19-21. Couples who already have participated in a Marriage Encounter Weekend are invited to join monthly Sharing Circles. For more information, e-mail kenannme@comcast.net.

Women who have had an abortion often struggle with questions: Can God ever forgive me? Can my child forgive me? Can I ever forgive myself? Will this horrible pain ever go away? Is healing possible?

Project Rachel proclaims that the answer to all these questions is YES.



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¿Podrá Dios perdonarme? ¿Podrá perdonarme mi hijo? ¿Podré perdonarme a mí misma? ¿Alguna vez se acabará este terrible dolor? ¿Es posible la sanación?

El Proyecto Raquel dice que la respuesta a todas estas preguntas es SÍ.



Llame al Proyecto Raquel

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El Provecto Raquel es el ministerio de la Iglesia de sanación para quienes han estado involucrados en el aborto. Todas las llamadas son confidenciales.



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Fruitful Harvest 2016

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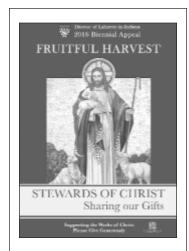
Parish St. Mary	City Alexandria	Goal \$67,718.00	Pledged \$62,364.00	Amount Paid \$50,225.50	% Goal Pledged 92.1%	% Goal Paid 74.2%	% Pledged Paid 80.5%
St. Ambrose	Anderson	\$124,686.00	\$112,220.00	\$97,448.35	90.0%	78.2%	86.8%
St. Mary	Anderson	\$186,040.00	\$166,321.45	\$118,559.45	89.4%	63.7%	71.3%
St. Francis Xavier *	Attica	\$37,432.00	\$33,480.00	\$29,425.00	89.4%	78.6%	87.9%
Holy Trinity	Bryant	\$41,253.00	\$33,550.00	\$29,024.00	81.3%	70.4%	86.5%
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel *	Carmel	\$1,234,408.00	\$1,500,903.10	\$1,244,334.30	121.6%	100.8%	82.9%
St. Elizabeth Seton	Carmel	\$561,517.00	\$574,652.67	\$525,794.77	102.3%	93.6%	91.5%
Sacred Heart of Jesus	Cicero	\$89,220.00	\$129,120.77	\$107,843.37	144.7%	120.9%	83.5%
St. Joseph	Covington	\$14,264.00	\$12,760.00	\$11,415.00	89.5%	80.0%	89.5%
St. Bernard *	Crawfordsville	\$95,085.00	\$185,087.75	\$153,813.50	194.7%	161.8%	83.1%
St. Joseph	Delphi	\$54,414.00	\$77,621.50	\$67,637.50	142.6%	124.3%	87.1%
St. Cecilia	DeMotte Dunkirk	\$57,466.00	\$69,055.00	\$64,170.00	120.2%	111.7%	92.9%
St. Mary St. Mary	Dunkirk	\$12,635.00 \$13,896.00	\$17,613.00 \$8,610.00	\$14,578.00 \$8,610.00	139.4% 62.0%	115.4% 62.0%	82.8% 100.0%
St. John	Earl Park	\$16,578.00	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00	87.5%	87.5%	100.0%
St. Joseph	Elwood	\$66,177.00	\$54,370.20	\$42,765.20	82.2%	64.6%	78.7%
Holy Spirit	Fishers	\$659,031.00	\$750,499.49	\$629,175.76	113.9%	95.5%	83.8%
St. John Vianney *	Fishers	\$102,728.00	\$380,431.34	\$288,038.34	370.3%	280.4%	75.7%
St. Louis de Montfort	Fishers	\$457,567.00	\$425,967.19	\$368,532.94	93.1%	80.5%	86.5%
Sacred Heart	Fowler	\$71,759.00	\$63,835.00	\$59,252.50	89.0%	82.6%	92.8%
St. Francis	Francesville	\$3,712.00	\$6,139.12	\$5,719.12	165.4%	154.1%	93.2%
St. Mary	Frankfort	\$80,960.00	\$90,175.48	\$75,985.48	111.4%	93.9%	84.3%
Holy Family	Gas City	\$41,109.00	\$32,155.00	\$27,740.00	78.2%	67.5%	86.3%
Sts. Peter & Paul	Goodland	\$8,698.00	\$7,828.00	\$7,828.00	90.0%	90.0%	100.0%
St. John the Evangelist	Hartford City	\$45,340.00	\$62,805.00	\$41,515.00	138.5%	91.6%	66.1%
St. Joseph	Kentland	\$33,960.00 \$7,271.00	\$30,825.00	\$30,825.00	90.8%	90.8%	100.0%
St. Ann St. Joan of Arc *	Kewanna Kokomo	\$270,128.00	\$6,258.00 \$753,668.00	\$5,935.50 \$631,192.98	86.1% 279.0%	81.6% 233.7%	94.8% 83.7%
St. Patrick *	Kokomo	\$242,304.00	\$334,096.00	\$284,167.40	137.9%	117.3%	85.1%
St. Mary Cathedral *	Lafayette	\$307,103.00	\$374,634.86	\$320,663.99	122.0%	104.4%	85.6%
St. Ann	Lafayette	\$106,732.00	\$50,223.75	\$47,080.05	47.1%	44.1%	93.7%
St. Boniface	Lafayette	\$239,689.00	\$257,725.46	\$209,845.59	107.5%	87.5%	81.4%
St. Lawrence	Lafayette	\$288,755.00	\$204,918.37	\$169,947.90	71.0%	58.9%	82.9%
Bishop's Office	Lafayette		\$29,123.27	\$28,092.35			96.5%
St. Augusta *	Lake Village	\$48,603.00	\$39,500.00	\$31,555.00	81.3%	64.9%	79.9%
St. Joseph	Lebanon	\$141,106.00	\$233,930.00	\$191,715.00	165.8%	135.9%	82.0%
All Saints	Logansport	\$203,703.00	\$220,900.51	\$189,934.15	108.4%	93.2%	86.0%
St. Paul	Marion	\$179,915.00	\$123,460.30	\$113,960.70	68.6%	63.3%	92.3%
St. Henry St. Anne	Medaryville	\$3,119.00	\$4,504.12 \$18,250.00	\$4,014.00	144.4% 94.3%	128.7% 79.3%	89.1% 84.0%
Our Lady of the Lakes	Monterey Monticello	\$19,348.00 \$87,295.00	\$81,580.00	\$15,335.00 \$60,838.58	93.5%	69.7%	74.6%
St. Francis of Assisi	Muncie	\$113,172.00	\$107,207.89	\$82,318.89	94.7%	72.7%	76.8%
St. Lawrence	Muncie	\$114,960.00	\$152,688.48	\$123,742.53	132.8%	107.6%	81.0%
St. Mary	Muncie	\$210,713.00	\$275,420.10	\$209,335.44	130.7%	99.3%	76.0%
Our Lady of Grace *	Noblesville	\$415,045.00	\$594,315.06	\$421,091.10	143.2%	101.5%	70.9%
St. Charles	Otterbein	\$38,357.00	\$46,263.00	\$42,785.00	120.6%	111.5%	92.5%
St. Patrick	Oxford	\$35,732.00	\$42,370.00	\$37,545.00	118.6%	105.1%	88.6%
St. Charles	Peru	\$111,672.00	\$126,099.22	\$117,244.22	112.9%	105.0%	93.0%
Immaculate Conception	Portland	\$65,411.00	\$72,400.00	\$63,275.00	110.7%	96.7%	87.4%
St. Joseph	Pulaski	\$21,199.00	\$30,162.12	\$27,762.12	142.3%	131.0%	92.0%
Sacred Heart	Remington	\$26,725.00	\$31,695.00	\$28,285.00	118.6%	105.8%	89.2%
St. Augustine *	Rensselaer	\$83,080.00	\$101,700.00 \$33,578.55	\$94,045.00	122.4% 125.3%	113.2% 100.8%	92.5% 80.4%
St. Joseph St. Joseph	Reynolds Rochester	\$26,791.00 \$44,609.00	\$55,125.00	\$26,998.55 \$47,193.00	123.6%	100.8%	85.6%
St. John the Baptist	Tipton	\$88,655.00	\$92,655.00	\$77,425.00	104.5%	87.3%	83.6%
St. Mary	Union City	\$34,737.00	\$36,125.00	\$30,230.00	104.0%	87.0%	83.7%
Blessed Sacrament	West Lafayette	\$233,100.00	\$209,342.90	\$188,803.95	89.8%	81.0%	90.2%
St. Thomas Aquinas *	West Lafayette	\$194,834.00	\$313,869.14	\$248,208.86	161.1%	127.4%	79.1%
St. Maria Goretti *	Westfield	\$568,185.00	\$2,014,924.96	\$1,359,602.29	354.6%	239.3%	67.5%
Sorrowful Mother *	Wheatfield	\$39,429.00	\$194,389.31	\$142,158.17	493.0%	360.5%	73.1%
St. Peter	Winamac	\$43,876.00	\$57,048.12	\$49,275.12	130.0%	112.3%	86.4%
St. Joseph	Winchester	\$28,908.00	\$30,910.00	\$23,385.00	106.9%	80.9%	75.7%
St. Alphonsus *	Zionsville	\$338,086.00	\$621,339.38	\$537,802.84	183.8%	159.1%	86.6%
Totals		\$9,200,000.00	\$12,875,290.93	\$10,397,546.35	139.9%	113.0%	80.8%
*Dovetail Parish							

These parishes conducted simultaneous appeals for parish capital needs in connection with the Fruitful Harvest 2016 campaign. The table above reflects the status of giving to Fruitful Harvest 2016 only. At right are the goals and pledges for dovetail parishes, combining the amount pledged to both Fruitful Harvest 2016 and the parish need.

Fruitful Harvest 2016 Dovetail Report

Parish	City	Dovetail Goal **	Pledged	Amount Paid	% Pledge Paid
St. Francis Xavier	Attica	\$52,000.00	\$33,480.00	\$29,425.00	87.89%
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Carmel	\$400,000.00	\$1,500,903.10	\$1,244,334.30	82.91%
St. Bernard	Crawfordsville	\$200,000.00	\$185,087.75	\$153,813.50	83.10%
St. John Vianney	Fishers	\$750,000.00	\$380,431.34	\$288,038.34	75.71%
St. Joan of Arc	Kokomo	\$350,000.00	\$753,668.00	\$631,192.98	83.75%
St. Patrick	Kokomo	\$400,000.00	\$334,096.00	\$284,167.40	85.06%
St. Mary Cathedral	Lafayette	\$400,000.00	\$374,634.86	\$320,663.99	85.59%
St. Augusta	Lake Village	\$50,000.00	\$39,500.00	\$31,555.00	79.89%
Our Lady of Grace	Noblesville	\$300,000.00	\$594,315.06	\$421,091.10	70.85%
St. Augustine	Rensselaer	\$70,000.00	\$101,700.00	\$94,045.00	92.47%
St. Thomas Aquinas	West Lafayette	\$514,232.88	\$313,869.14	\$248,208.16	79.08%
St. Maria Goretti	Westfield	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,014,924.96	\$1,359,602.39	67.48%
Sorrowful Mother	Wheatfield	\$155,000.00	\$194,389.31	\$142,158.17	73.13%
St. Alphonsus	Zionsville	\$851,000.00	\$621,339.38	\$537,802.84	86.56%
** Includes parish Fruitful	Harvest goal				

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A campaign prayer for Fruitful Harvest 2016

Oh Lord,
giver of life
and source of all
that we have,
we thank you
for the many gifts
you have given us and
we invite your presence
in our lives at all times.

Help us to faithfully answer your call to be "Stewards of Christ." Gift us with your grace to know that by answering your call, we will be truly free.

Help us to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously by "Sharing Our Gifts."

May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives.

Through your Son,
Jesus Christ,
make our prayer to you
one of faith, hope and
charity for all
of your people.

Amen.

Since its inception in 1984, the funds gathered in the biennial Fruitful Harvest appeal have provided operating funds needed to help meet the expenses of diocesan ministries, as well as obligations of the diocese to the national and Universal Church. Millions of dollars also have been returned to parishes and school trust funds.

Thank you for your generosity!

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LOOKING BACK

These stories appeared in *The Catholic Moment* and its predecessor, the Lafayette edition of *Our Sunday Visitor*:

- 50 years ago, May 26, 1968: Nearly 200 Ladies of Charity from 32 parishes of the Lafayette diocese recently attended a convention at the motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Tipton. Bishop Raymond J. Gallagher was among the day's speakers.
- 25 years ago, May 30, 1993: Religious education students at St. Louis de Montfort Parish, Fishers, held a food drive contest during Lent. A total of 2,800 cans of food were collected and given to the Hamilton County Red Cross.
- 10 years ago, May 25, 2008: More than 650 people from 30 parishes and five states attended the second annual Indiana Holy Family Catholic Conference in Kokomo. The theme for the weekend was "Building the Domestic Church: Through God, Family and Love."
- Five years ago, May 26, 2013: All Saints Parish in Logansport will host a "Sharing Our Talents" event in June. Those attending the free event will be able to choose sessions on topics including photography, salsa making, bilingual greetings and more.

You're always welcome here.

Come to St. John the Baptist Church, Earl Park.





When you are not with us, we miss you.

Lord's Day Masses Sunday: 8 a.m.



To see more Mass times across the Lafayette diocese, visit the Web site at www.dol-in.org and look for all of our parishes in coming weeks in The Catholic Moment.

Saints of the week



Marcellinus and Peter (died circa 304) Feast: June 2

Marcellinus was a priest and Peter an exorcist in Rome's Christian community. They were arrested and imprisoned during a persecution by Emperor Diocletian. In prison, they converted many people, including their jailer and his family. They were condemned to death and beheaded, supposedly in secret, in a nearby wood. But their executioner disclosed the deaths after his conversion. Pope St. Damasus I wrote an epitaph for their tomb, over which **Emperor Constantine** later built a church. Marcellinus and Peter are among the saints named in the Roman Canon of the Mass.

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Children of Holy Trinity Parish in Trinity recently received their First Communion. Front from left are Luelle Schoch, Jessie Homan, Abby Fifer, Brooklynn Byrum, Kelsey Morrison and Alyvia Muhlenkamp; middle row, Gabe Muhlenkamp, Sam Westgerdes, Owen Muhlenkamp and Carson Westgerdes; back row, Father Kenneth Alt, pastor, and teacher Agnes Schoch. (Photo provided)



Children of Sacred Heart Parish in Remington recently received their First Communion. Front from left are Adalynn Demerly, Emma Alberts, Emmalyn Stockment and Kaydence Schultz; middle row, Peyton Demerly, Cole Pilotte, Jack Hagan, Sam Alberts and Vance Tyler; back row, altar servers Lilly Hagan and Hannah Alberts, pastor Father Paul Hudson, altar server Colton Stockment and teacher Sarah Hall. (Photo provided)