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Renaissance man

Deacon Aaron Jenkins brings many gifts to the priesthood

By Sean Gallagher

“That boy’s going to be a priest.”

Such was the thought of Russ Jenkins in 2001 when he saw his son, Aaron, received into the full communion of the Catholic Church during an Easter Vigil celebrated at St. Ambrose Church in Anderson, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese.

Even though Russ, a longtime member of Zion United Church of Christ in Shelby County, had limited knowledge of the Catholic faith, he knew his son well. He knew that Aaron, even at a young age, had a desire to grow closer to God.

“It was nothing for him to go out and meditate on his own [when he was 9 or 10],” Russ said. “We lived close to a little wooded area, and he would disappear for an hour or two and just be out there meditating.”

That yearning for God continued during Aaron’s teenage years and when he was a student at Anderson University in Anderson, Ind. During those years, that desire for God eventually led him into the full communion of the Church.

A year later, after teaching art for a year at an elementary school in Washington, he told his parents that he was going to enter the seminary.

And now, seven years after he was received into the Church, Deacon Aaron Jenkins will be ordained a priest on June 7 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

His father’s prophetic thought is being fulfilled.

“I really think God has played a big

part in it,” Russ said. “Everything that I thought is actually coming about now. It’s pretty amazing, really, to think like I was thinking back then and it actually coming about.”

Seeking God in beauty

A key part of Deacon Jenkins’s journey of faith and journey to the priesthood has been his love of art, which he expresses in his works of stained-glass, and in the sculptures and paintings he has created.

“Ultimately, art is a search for beauty,” said Deacon Jenkins. “And that’s ultimately what the search for God is. God is the ultimate beauty. Christians search for God and so we search for beauty. That’s what attracts us to it.”

Deacon Jenkins also loves the “raw beauty” he finds in nature. This is a love that was, in part, nurtured in him as a Boy Scout.

“I love the outdoors. I love hunting and fishing,” he said.

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Debate still rages over religion’s role in public life

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Although today’s often vitriolic rhetoric about the role of religion in public life seems like a modern-day affliction, Americans have been debating how to balance tensions between faith and politics for more than 230 years.

The key question: How much should religion—and by inference God—influence the political landscape?

The question isn’t the problem, said Stephen Schneck, director of the Life Cycle Institute at The Catholic University of America in Washington. More so, it’s how the question is addressed. It’s the malicious nature of the debate over the proper role of religion today which has people like Schneck concerned.

Schneck approached the subject from a historical perspective during a May 13 panel discussion on the need for civility as the 2008 election plays out.

He was joined at the program sponsored by Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good by the Rev. Derrick Harkins, senior pastor at 19th Street Baptist Church in Washington; Sammie Moshenberg, director of Washington operations of the National Council of Jewish Women; and retired U.S. ambassador Thomas P. Melady, who once served at the Vatican and now is diplomat in residence at the Institute of World Politics, also in Washington.

In outlining the early history of debate which took place among the country’s founders, Schneck said questions about the proper role of religion in public policy have long been debated, especially when America faced crucial decisions.

“The question of the rightful role for religion in American public life, frankly, is a perennial one,” Schneck said, citing the campaign for civil rights in the 1950s and 1960s, the struggle against immigration in the late 19th century, and efforts to address the social welfare needs of people living in decrepit urban slums at the beginning of the country’s industrial age.

“We forget that. It’s a question struggled with in every generation.”

Schneck has spent part of this year, a

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Apostolic nuncio reflects on papal journey to America

(Editor’s note: This is the second of a two-part interview featuring Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Archbishop Sambi visited Indianapolis in early May. Because of space constraints, some of Archbishop Sambi’s responses had to be edited.)

By Sean Gallagher

As apostolic nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Pietro Sambi played a central role in organizing the April 15-21 pastoral visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States.

Two weeks after that historic journey, Archbishop Sambi visited Indianapolis on May 3 to participate in a fundraising dinner for the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land.



Archbishop Pietro Sambi

During his visit to Indianapolis, Archbishop Sambi spoke with *The Criterion* about the pope’s trip to America.

Q Now that, in a sense, the “dust has settled” from Pope Benedict XVI’s visit, what would you say was the significance of it for the Church in this country?

A I think that what has been the meaning of this pastoral journey of Benedict XVI to the United States was clearly explained by himself: “I go to confirm my brothers and sisters in faith.” This is the mandate that our Lord Jesus Christ has given to Peter and to his successors.

But the pope, in a comment that he made [recently] in Rome, said something extremely important: “I went to the United States to confirm my

brothers and sisters in the faith. And they confirmed me in hope.”

Q Do you think what the pope did and said here and how he was received has a significance for the Church in other parts of the world, perhaps in Europe and other places, where secularism has taken a stronger hold than here?

A I have said from the beginning that, given the power of the mass media in the United States, a successful visit of the pope in the United States would be a successful visit in the world, just as a failure of the visit of the pope in the United States would be a failure of the visit all over the world.

And, really, the mass media played a very positive role and they presented the

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“There’s just the solitude that you normally find there. There are just lots of beautiful analogies out there in nature that help us to figure out or think about God and his relationship with us.”

Deacon Jenkins ultimately became an Eagle Scout, the highest level of achievement in the Boy Scouts.

Father William Stumpf, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington, got to see these wide and varied interests in Deacon Jenkins when he lived and ministered at Father Stumpf’s parish last summer.

Father Stumpf thinks these interests will benefit his priestly ministry.

“He’s going to be able to connect and to relate to people on so many different levels,” said Father Stumpf. “Ministry is primarily relational. That makes him so much more approachable.”

Embracing the whole person

Although Deacon Jenkins expresses his desire for God through his artistic talents, he doesn’t see those talents and his love for beauty as just small sections of his personality.

“I can’t compartmentalize it,” he said. “No matter what I’m looking at or what I’m doing, I’m always going to approach it with an artistic sensibility.”

“Aaron embraces the whole person and the whole experience of living the faith,” said Father Eric Johnson, archdiocesan vocations director.

“I think that’s part of what attracted him to Catholicism. It engages the senses. It engages the emotions. It engages the mind. It engages all of that.”

Engaging the faith in this way will also lead Deacon Jenkins to have meaningful relationships in his ministry, Father Johnson said.

“Aaron, I think, has a deep desire to be a man of communion,” Father Johnson said, “and to help build bridges between people, to speak on behalf of people, to be somebody that I think is able to challenge, but is able to do so with a great deal of empathy and compassion.”

Deacon Jenkins’ mother, Linda Jenkins,

saw this compassion in her son while he was still young, saying that it was “Christ-like.”

“If somebody was upset at school, that bothered him,” she said. “He tried to right things many times between different classmates. Or he would stand up for the underprivileged and put his two cents in. And the kids seemed to listen to him and to back off.”

Father Joseph Moriarty was archdiocesan vocations director when Deacon Jenkins became a seminarian. He has continued his friendship with Deacon Jenkins at Saint Meinrad School of Theology, where he serves as the associate director of spiritual formation.

“I believe his priesthood will be blessed by the fact that he knows already what it means to trust in God,” Father Moriarty said. “And if he continues to do that, God’s grace, then, will be efficacious in his life. It will overflow.”

An expanding family

It was, in part, Deacon Jenkins’ total embrace of the Catholic faith that led his parents to learn about the Catholic faith and be received into the full communion of the Church this past Easter Vigil.

They are members of St. Mary Parish in Rushville.

When Deacon Jenkins initially told them that he wanted to be a priest, they were sad because they wouldn’t see him have the good marriage and children they had had.

Now they see that their family is expanding in a different way.

“The loss that we thought he might have, I don’t see that at all anymore,” said Linda. “If anything, I see that it’s going to be even more rewarding to have people whose lives he’ll touch.”

Deacon Jenkins is looking forward to expanding his family by gaining lots of



In this file photo, then-seminarian Aaron Jenkins works with stained-glass in an art room at St. Bede Hall at Saint Meinrad School of Theology.



As a sign of gratitude for their role in his priestly formation, Deacon Aaron Jenkins gave copies of this small statue of St. Meinrad that he created to some members of the faculty and staff of Saint Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad.

Deacon Aaron Jenkins

Age: 31

Hometown: Rushville

Home Parish: St. Mary Parish in Rushville

Parents: Russell and Linda Jenkins

Education: Rushville Consolidated High School, Anderson University, Saint Meinrad School of Theology

Parishes he has served in as a seminarian: St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis, St. Mary Parish in New Albany, St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington

Favorite saint: St. Ambrose (“He was known for his love of beautiful liturgy and wrote many hymns, including the *Exultet*. He also was known for his mystagogical teaching and used the image of a bee hive to describe the work of the Church, which I always like because my grandfather raised bees. It is also the name of the church that I became Catholic at.”)

Favorite Scripture verse: Mt 4:19: “He said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’”

Favorite prayer or devotion: The Jesus Prayer (“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”)

People you most admire: My father and grandfather

will be called to serve.

“I’m really just looking forward to celebrating the liturgy with the community,” he said. “Being able to stand there, at the altar, on behalf of the people, will be great. That’s where I think all of my ministry will flow from—from that altar.”

(Deacon Aaron Jenkins will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on June 8 at St. Mary Church in Rushville. Because of the limited seating capacity of that church, Deacon Jenkins is unable to extend a general invitation for the liturgy.) †

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sabbatical year, addressing the issue of civility in the 2008 election campaign. He and 27 colleagues from Catholic, evangelical and mainline Protestant traditions released a statement called “Keeping Faith: Principles to Protect Religion on the Campaign Trail” in January, urging that religion not be used for partisan purposes on the campaign trail.

Similar statements have been issued since November by the Catholic Civility Project led by a group of prominent Catholics, including 11 former ambassadors and former chairmen of the Republican and Democratic national committees, and the Jewish community.

Schneck explained that in the

18th century there were four views in the debate, not just the liberal and conservative extremes that dominate the public arena today.

On one side were the Christian millennialists, who believed that the establishment of the United States was the inauguration of the new Jerusalem and that the country had an extraordinary mission in history. “They argued strenuously for a zealous role of Christianity in the public square,” he said.

On what Schneck called “the other radical extreme,” participants held a more secular view of the country’s founding. People such as Thomas Paine and Ethan Allen argued from their deist beliefs that yes, God created the world and its natural laws, but that God took no further role in the world. They believed that the birth of the United States of America marked the end of religion and that the new country was to be an empire of

reason that would put talk of God’s influence on its shaping to rest.

“What’s curious is these two extremes—the radical deists on one side and the radical Christian millennialists on the other side—seem to be what we’ve got today oddly enough,” Schneck said. “It was precisely those two extremes that were really rejected by the consensus that formed about the proper role of religion in American political life in that framing generation.”

Schneck, whose work with colleagues at the Life Cycle Institute examines public policies and their relationship to Catholic social teaching, later told Catholic News Service that the two views that were rejected in the 18th century have made their way back to the forefront of political debate today. The middle ground between the extremes of left and right has faded today, he said.

He also identified the two remaining perspectives held by a broader cross section of the country’s founders. People such as George Washington and John Adams believed that it was important to have a civil religion, one which transcended denominational boundaries but lent sanctity to public ceremonies. They felt that such practice of religion publicly would bind the new nation with a spirit of nationalism, he explained.

The fourth view, he said, espoused by Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and others, held that such a civil religion would threaten religion locally. They believed in the separation of Church and state, but also that local religion fostered the virtues of civility and caring for one another that democracy needs. It is that view, Schneck said, which eventually guided the country’s founders. †

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College seminary to host Bishop Bruté Days in June

By Sean Gallagher

Bishop Bruté Days, a retreat and camping experience for junior high and high school-aged boys sponsored by the Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis, just keeps growing and growing.



Fr. Robert Robeson

In its initial year in 2006, some 18 young men from across the archdiocese participated in the priestly vocations camp.

Last year, that number ballooned to 52 boys.

This year, the event, which will take place on June 11-14 at the Future Farmers of America Center near Trafalgar, is expected to have another great turnout.

With that growth in mind, Father Robert Robeson, rector of the seminary, said there will be separate tracks for Bishop Bruté Days, one for boys in grades seven and eight, and another for boys in ninth grade through 11th grade.

High school seniors who sign up for Bishop Bruté Days will be assistant counselors during the event.

"It's really wonderful," Father Robeson said. "The response has been exceedingly positive. It's nice to be able to [have two tracks] because we're able to better address the needs of a wider range of kids."

Bishop Bruté Days is designed for young men who are open to the idea that God might be calling them to the priesthood.

It will include daily Mass, eucharistic adoration, praying of the Liturgy of the Hours and the rosary, opportunities for confession, and presentations on various aspects of faith given by priests and seminarians.

In addition to these faith-centered activities, the camp will also include various outdoor activities, such as basketball, football, canoeing and swimming.

Kyle Field, a homeschooled high school senior who is a member of St. John the Apostle Parish in Bloomington, will be an assistant camp counselor. He participated in the first two Bishop Bruté Days.

From his experience, the outdoor activities paved the way for a more profound experience of prayer at the camp.

"They just sort of brought us all closer together," Kyle said. "They sort of made us all more comfortable with each other, a little more able to pray together and understand where everyone is coming from."

Seminarian Daniel Bedel, a member of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Enochsburg in the Batesville Deanery, will be a junior at Bishop Bruté College Seminary next fall.

As one of this year's leaders at Bishop Bruté Days, he thinks the camp can be very helpful for young men who might be starting to think about the priesthood.

"When I was first thinking about [the priesthood] and this wasn't available for me, I didn't know how many other guys out there were even considering the priesthood," Bedel said. "So, in that respect, I think this is great because you'll have a bunch of young Catholics from all across the archdiocese getting together—high school, middle school kids—that will be there to have a good time but, at the same time, enrich their faith and share their feelings for the priesthood."

Young men who might be thinking about the priesthood



Father Rick Nagel, archdiocesan associate vocations director, delivers a homily during a Mass celebrated on June 14, 2007, at Bradford Woods in Morgan County during Bishop Bruté Days, sponsored by the Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary. This year's Bishop Bruté Days will take place on June 11-14 at the Future Farmers of America Center near Trafalgar.

will also be able to interact with archdiocesan seminarians, some of them not many years older than themselves.

"When I first went to it, I didn't really know what the seminary was," Kyle said. "I didn't know much about it at all. And then I saw these guys. They were really excited about what they're doing. ... It made you wonder, 'Why are they getting excited about that?'"

(Registration for Bishop Bruté Days is \$50 and will be taken until June 4. For more information or to register, call 317-955-6512, log on to www.archindy.org/bsb/days.html or send an e-mail to trobeson@archindy.org.) †

Vatican says 2005 document on gays applies to all seminaries

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—In a clarification approved by Pope Benedict XVI, the Vatican said its 2005 document prohibiting the admission of homosexuals to the priesthood applies to all types of seminaries.

That includes houses of formation run by religious orders and those under the authority of the agencies dealing with missionary territories and Eastern Churches, said a statement signed by Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican secretary of state.

The two-sentence clarification was published on May 17 by the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano*. It came in response to "numerous requests for clarification," the Vatican said.

In 2005, after more than eight years of study, the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education issued "Instruction Concerning the Criteria for the Discernment of Vocations With Regard to Persons With Homosexual Tendencies in View of their Admission to the Seminary and to Holy Orders."

The nine-page instruction said the Church cannot allow the priestly ordination of men who are active homosexuals, who have "deep-seated" homosexual

tendencies or who support the "gay culture." It urged bishops, major superiors and "all relevant authorities" to make sure the norms were followed.

Cardinal Bertone's clarification said in response to questions, "It is specified that the provisions contained in this instruction are valid for all the houses of priestly

formation, including those that depend on the Congregation for Eastern Churches, the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, and the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life."

It said the pope had approved the clarification on April 8. †

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Editorial

Got some 'sole' to spare? Be a Good Samaritan

You have read the stories of how Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis head basketball coach Ron Hunter gave the issue—pardon the pun—some traction.

And heard and maybe even seen where Turner Network Television broadcasters Ernie Johnson, Kenny Smith and Charles Barkley recently followed in Hunter's footsteps during a National Basketball Association broadcast earlier this month.

For those needing a refresher, Hunter went barefoot during an entire IUPUI men's basketball game on Jan. 24, and the three broadcasters went on the air sans shoes on May 11. The reason? To raise awareness for needy children around the world.

The coach and broadcasters support a program known as Samaritan's Feet, a Charlotte, N.C.,-based charitable organization. The mission of the non-profit, Christian-based charity is to send 10 million shoes in 10 years to children living in poverty in the United States and around the world.

Emmanuel "Manny" Ohonme, a native of Nigeria, founded the charity four years ago.

Ohonme received his first pair of shoes from a missionary in his African homeland at age 9, and his humble roots are still evident as he works toward bringing a better world to those in need.

"I am blown away by their generosity toward children they'll never meet," he said before going on TNT on May 11 to discuss Samaritan's Feet and thank the broadcasters for their witness and generosity.

When it comes to helping children get something on their feet, Ohonme is not alone.

Soles4Souls also collects shoes and gives them away. Their philosophy is just as simple: Changing the world, one pair at a time.

The charitable, non-profit organization based in Nashville, Tenn., is the work of Wayne Elsey, who, in the aftermath of the 2004 tsunami that hit southeast Asia, felt compelled to do something to help victims.

Elsey, then an executive at a large footwear company, was home one night watching TV, and he saw a picture of a single shoe washing up on the shore. That triggered some phone calls to other executives in the footwear industry, and the subsequent donation of more than 250,000 shoes to victims in the devastated countries.

In 2005, Elsey called the same group of friends, and more than 1 million pairs of shoes were sent to the Gulf Coast communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

A year later, Soles4Souls was formally created.



Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis men's basketball coach Ron Hunter went barefoot when his team played host to Oakland University on Jan. 24. The coach wanted to raise awareness for needy children, and Hunter's action helped collect more than 100,000 pairs of shoes for Samaritan's Feet.

The organization has created National Barefoot Week to be held from June 1-7. A national barefoot day will take place on Sunday, June 1, with various events across the country scheduled for the rest of the week.

Soles4Souls representatives are asking church congregations to take off their shoes as they leave Sunday services, box the shoes and ship them to their closest Soles4Souls warehouse to benefit the needy.

According to Elsey, the organization is also working hard to highlight the environmental benefits of turning in shoes as opposed to throwing them away.

"A sad fact is that there are 300 million children in the world who have never owned a pair of shoes, while the same number of shoes were tossed into American landfills last year," he said on the Soles4Souls Web site. "We want to give people a reason to clean out their closets and help needy people while reducing the strain on our landfills at the same time."

Though we are neither encouraging nor discouraging congregations to take off their shoes on Sunday, June 1, for this worthwhile cause, we are asking that people of faith give serious thought to supporting one or both of these worthwhile organizations.

Visit www.soles4souls.org or www.samaritansfeet.org to learn how you, your family and even your business can do its part.

What these charities are teaching is a message that we as a Gospel people can give traction to: We can all make a difference—in this case—one pair of shoes at a time.

—Mike Krokos

Letters to the Editor

'Myths and facts about immigration' not telling the entire story, reader says

In regard to *The Criterion's* ongoing "Myths and facts about immigration" series:

The myth is that the people of whom we are really speaking are immigrants. They are here illegally and have no immigrant status.

The fact is that the Chinese and Indians who come here legally are indeed entrepreneurs and are assets to our society.

The American people have always welcomed immigrants, and I see no change in that. We are a generous, caring people.

And the American people have always been outraged when people break our laws and expect to be welcomed.

I see no change in that either.

Barbara L. Maness
Vevay

New bioethics column, other features help readers live out Church's teachings

I just wanted to give you some positive feedback.

The new series of articles by Father Tad Pacholczyk, "Making Sense Out of Bioethics," is excellent!

I learn a great deal about very complex issues facing the Church and the world in the space of a column.

He is an excellent writer and obviously very well-educated in Church teaching and the science involved in bioethical questions.

I hope the column will continue because I look forward to reading it every

week, as I do other columns, such as "Question Corner" by Father John Dietzen, editor emeritus John Fink's articles on sacred Scripture and the *Faith Alive!* supplement.

Besides giving us news of the archdiocese—which you do very well—you are at your best when you help us understand and live out the teachings of Christ and his Church.

Thank you.
Mike Haigerty
Indianapolis

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Myths and facts about immigration

(Editor's Note: This is the third in a seven-part series of immigration reform articles prepared by the Indiana Catholic Conference. Capsule forms have been prepared for use in parish bulletins. Diocesan newspapers throughout the state have agreed to publish the series in its longer form.)

Perceived myth: Immigrants come here to take welfare.

Known fact: Immigrants come to work and reunite with family members.

Immigrant labor force participation is consistently higher than native-born, and immigrant workers make up a larger share of the U.S. labor force (12.4 percent) than they do the U.S. population (11.5 percent). (Source: U.S. Census)

Aren't immigrants taking advantage of social services and costing taxpayers?

Immigrants come to work and to reunite with their family. Most immigrants, except for children, are employed. Because most work, albeit many in lower-paying jobs, the ratio between immigrant use of public benefits to amount of taxes they pay is favorable.

In one estimate, immigrants pay about \$90 billion in taxes and use about \$5 billion in public benefits. Others estimate that immigrant taxes total \$20 billion to \$30 billion more than cost of government services.

The reason for this is that undocumented immigrants are ineligible for the vast majority of state and federal benefits, and are only eligible for those that are considered important to public health and safety.

The few public benefits that

undocumented immigrants may receive include emergency Medicaid, nutritional assistance to women, infants and children under the WIC program, and school lunches and breakfasts.

Eligibility for these few programs, and services is designed to provide emergency medical care, to reduce the risk that innocent children will be punished or hurt as a result of their parents' immigration status, and to serve the fiscal and long-term interests of all Americans.

Even legal permanent resident immigrants are functionally ineligible for most government programs. They are prohibited from receiving most cash assistance during their first three years in the country, and are subject to deportation if they become a public charge within five years of entry. †

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Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is a celebration of family

On Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is timely to ask, do we truly treasure this awesome gift of Jesus?

If you knew you had one last supper to share with your family or with your best friends, what would you do?

At the Last Supper which Jesus celebrated with the 12 Apostles, friends chosen from among all his disciples, he gave us the sacrament of his Body and Blood so that he could be with us always. He gave us this gift even though one of them would betray him for money. Another would deny that he even knew him.

The last meal Jesus had with his friends happened to be the traditional Jewish Passover meal, a remembrance of deliverance from slavery. The ritual Jewish Passover meal was transformed into the Lord's Supper, a memorial of the sacrifice of the Lamb of God in which Jesus gave us the bread of life. For us, that has made all the difference.

At that Passover meal, Jesus instituted the holy Eucharist. Without the Mass, our gatherings would be nothing more than a Passover ritual, a dramatic production of something that happened a long time ago.

As for its Passover roots, the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ and charity go together. The Passover meal of the Jewish tradition was a family celebration.

In that night of darkness when the angel

of death passed from door to door in Egypt, the family gathering was the place of salvation. Those who were gathered as family that fateful night were saved.

Passover became the annual gathering of Israel as family against a recurring threat by the angel of death in a world of chaos.

Did not Jesus intend that the celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ should draw family together, and that the family should be the place of our salvation against the chaos and the confusion that is still so much a part of our world?

In a world of broken families, surely Jesus wanted us, his Church, to be family, a community of faith. And surely Jesus intended that our homes should be the cells which form the family that is the Church. And so the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, the feast of the sacrament of unity and charity, is a celebration of family and Jesus is our head.

It was no accident that Jesus chose the annual Passover meal as the context in which his own Passover would be memorialized forever. It is important to remember that Jewish Passover was a celebration of family pilgrimage. Like our Jewish ancestors, we are still a pilgrim people on our way to the final kingdom.

We are never a perfect family. We are families searching to be family. Like some of us, many Jews who journeyed to Jerusalem for the Passover had no family.

Those who found themselves alone gathered to form a family for the Passover meal.

Until Jesus returns to bring the fullness of the Kingdom, the angel of death still passes among us. On the way, we are still tragically separated from loved ones even in our own homes.

Isn't it true that the angel of death touches us still in different ways? There is death, divorce, betrayal, the addictions of drugs and alcohol and sex, violence in our streets, and worse, physical and emotional violence in our homes.

Many find themselves lonely even in their own homes. Mother Teresa of Calcutta remarked that loneliness is the worst poverty in the United States.

At that Last Passover Supper, Jesus transformed ancient family ritual into the holy Eucharist of our Church so that there would always be a family for everyone, no matter how alone or lost.

The Eucharist makes us a community to which we can belong, even when we are alone. We are still a pilgrim people, and we need to come together as family and as a family of families. And we must welcome those who need us to be family for them.

No one should feel they must turn to alcohol or sex or drugs or manipulative relationships to find true love. At his Last Supper, Jesus included Judas, who would betray him with a kiss, and Peter, who would deny him three times.

This week, we celebrate the holy Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, which he gave us as food for life and for unity among us.

At the holy Eucharist, we are to welcome those who need us to be family for them. We are to welcome each other because we need to be family for each other—in our homes and in our churches. †

Do you have an intention for Archbishop Buechlein's prayer list? You may mail it to him at:

Archbishop Buechlein's
Prayer List
Archdiocese of Indianapolis
1400 N. Meridian St.
P.O. Box 1410
Indianapolis, IN 46202-1410

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for May

Seminarians: that they will be faithful to prayer and study, and persevere in their desire to serve God and the Church as priests.

La festividad de Corpus Christi es una celebración familiar

El domingo celebramos la festividad de Corpus Christi. Resulta oportuno preguntarnos: ¿verdaderamente atesoramos este maravilloso obsequio de Jesús?

Si usted supiera que tendrá la oportunidad de compartir una última cena con sus familiares o sus mejores amigos, ¿qué haría?

Durante la Última Cena que Jesús celebró con los 12 Apóstoles, amigos elegidos entre todos sus discípulos, nos entregó el sacramento de su Cuerpo y su Sangre para poder estar siempre entre nosotros. Nos entregó este don a pesar de que uno de ellos lo traicionaría por dinero. Otro incluso negaría conocerle.

La última cena que Jesús compartió con sus amigos coincidió con la comida tradicional judía de la Pascua, la conmemoración de la liberación de la esclavitud. La comida ritual de la Pascua Judía se transformó en la Cena del Señor, el memorial del sacrificio del Cordero de Dios en el cual Jesús nos entregó el pan de la vida. Para nosotros eso ha hecho toda la diferencia.

Durante esa cena pascual, Jesús instituyó la Sagrada Eucaristía. Sin la Misa, nuestras reuniones no serían más que un ritual de Pascua, una representación dramática de algo que ocurrió hace mucho tiempo.

Al igual que en la Pascua que le da origen, la fiesta de Corpus Christi y la caridad van de la mano. La comida pascual de la tradición judía es una celebración familiar.

En aquella noche cuando el ángel de la muerte rondó de puerta en puerta en

Egipto, la reunión familiar fue el lugar de salvación. Aquellos que se encontraban reunidos como familia en esa noche aciaga se salvaron. La Pascua se convirtió en la reunión anual de Israel como familia contra la amenaza recurrente del ángel de la muerte en un mundo de caos.

¿Acaso la intención de Jesús no fue que la celebración de Corpus Christi juntara a la familia y que dicha familia fuera nuestro lugar de salvación, en contraste con el caos y la confusión que compone buena parte de nuestro mundo?

En un mundo de familias desmembradas, ciertamente Jesús desea que nosotros, su Iglesia, seamos una familia, una comunidad de fe. Y seguramente la intención de Jesús era que nuestros hogares fueran las células que conforman la familia que es la Iglesia. Y por lo tanto, la fiesta de Corpus Christi, la fiesta del sacramento de la unidad y la caridad, es una celebración familiar y Jesús es la cabeza.

No fue por accidente que Jesús eligió la comida anual de la Pascua como el contexto en el cual su propia Pascua se conmemoraría por siempre. Es importante recordar que la Pascua Judía era una celebración de la peregrinación familiar. Al igual que nuestros ancestros judíos, seguimos siendo un pueblo de peregrinos, camino al reino final.

Nunca hemos sido una familia perfecta. Somos familias buscando ser familias. Al igual que algunos de nosotros, muchos judíos que se aventuraron a Jerusalén para la Pascua no tenían familia. Aquellos que se encontraban solos se reunieron para formar una familia para la comida

pascual.

Hasta que Jesús no vuelva para traernos la plenitud de su Reino, el ángel de la muerte seguirá rondando entre nosotros. Durante el camino sufrimos la separación trágica de seres queridos, incluso en nuestros propios hogares.

¿Acaso no es cierto que el ángel de la muerte llega a nosotros de formas distintas? Tenemos la muerte, el divorcio, la traición, las adicciones a las drogas, el alcohol y el sexo; la violencia en nuestras calles y peor aún: la violencia emocional y física en nuestros hogares.

Muchos se encuentran solos, incluso en sus propios hogares. La Madre Teresa destacó que la soledad es la peor pobreza que existe en Estados Unidos.

En esa Última Cena Pascual, Jesús transformó un antiguo ritual familiar en la sagrada Eucaristía de nuestra Iglesia de modo que siempre existirá una familia para todos, sin importar cuán solos o perdidos estemos.

La Eucaristía nos convierte en una comunidad a la cual pertenecemos aunque estemos solos. Seguimos siendo un pueblo peregrino y debemos reunirnos como familia y como una familia de familias. Y debemos darle la bienvenida a aquellos que necesitan que seamos una familia para ellos.

Nadie debe sentir que ha de entregarse al alcohol, al sexo, a las drogas o a

relaciones de manipulación para encontrar el amor verdadero. En su Última Cena Jesús incluyó a Judas quien lo traicionaría con un beso y a Pedro quien lo negaría tres veces.

Esta semana celebramos la sagrada Eucaristía, el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús, los cuales nos entregó como pan de vida y para lograr la unidad entre nosotros.

En la sagrada Eucaristía debemos darle la bienvenida a aquellos que necesitan que seamos familia para ellos. Debemos darnos la bienvenida unos a otros porque debemos ser familia para todos, tanto en nuestros hogares como en nuestras iglesias. †

¿Tiene una intención que desee incluir en la lista de oración del Arzobispo Buechlein? Puede enviar su correspondencia a:

Lista de oración del Arzobispo
Buechlein
Arquidiócesis de Indianapolis
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La intención de vocaciones del Arzobispo Buechlein para mayo

Seminaristas: ¡Que ellos sean fieles a la oración y estudien, y continúen en su deseo de servir a Dios y la Iglesia como sacerdotes!

Events Calendar

May 25
St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1723 I St., Bedford. **Corpus Christi procession**, following 10:30 a.m. Mass. Information: 812-275-6539.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Monte Cassino Pilgrimage, "Mary, Our Lady of Silence,"** Benedictine Brother Francis Wagner, 2 p.m. Information: 800-682-0988 or news@saintmeinrad.edu.

MKVS, Divine Mercy and Glorious Cross Center, Rexville, located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South and 12 miles south of Versailles. **Confession, 1 p.m., Mass, 2 p.m.**, on third Sunday holy hour and pitch-in, groups of 10 pray the new Marian Way, 1 p.m., Father Elmer Burwinkel, celebrant. Information: 812-689-3551.

May 26
Calvary Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. **Memorial Day**

Mass, noon. Information: 317-784-4439 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 9001 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. **Memorial Day Mass**, noon. Information: 317-574-8898 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

May 27
Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis.

Catholic Adult Fellowship, studying the Gospel of Mark, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: nshoefer@themoreiknow.info.

May 30-31
St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, 4052 E. 38th St., Indianapolis. **Rummage sale**, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., crafts, food, health fair, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 317-546-1571.

June 1
St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave.,

Indianapolis. **African Mass**, 3 p.m., reception following Mass. Information: 317-632-9349.

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **St. Agnes Academy all-class reunion**, Mass, 10:30 a.m., followed by brunch, Riviera Club, 5640 N. Illinois St., \$16 per person. Information: 317-257-8886.

June 4
St. Mary Parish, 317 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis.

Solo Seniors, **Catholic, educational, charitable and social singles 50 and over**, single, widowed or divorced, new members welcome, 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-897-1128.

June 5
St. Francis Education Center, 5935 S. Emerson Ave., Suite 100, Indianapolis. **Support group for people with oral, head and neck cancer**, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-782-4422. †

Retreats and Programs

May 30-June 1
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Aging Gracefully (Revised): A Retreat for 60s and Over,"** Benedictine Father Noël Mueller, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

May 31
Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center, 8210 W. State Road 48, Bloomington. **Vocation retreat for young men, "The Call to the Religious Life in Priesthood,"** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 812-825-4742 or ffivocations@bluemarble.net.

June 6-8
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Tobit Weekend,"** marriage preparation program for engaged couples. Information: 317-545-7681 or www.archindy.org/fatima.

June 8
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Pre Cana Program,"** marriage preparation program for engaged couples. Information: 317-236-1596 or

800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

June 9-11
Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. Sixth annual **"Garden Retreat: Finding Your Secret Garden,"** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$45 per person includes breakfast, lunch and dessert. Information: 317-788-7581 or benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

June 13-15
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"When Joy Abounds,"** Benedictine Father Noël Mueller, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

June 14
St. Joan of Arc Church, 4217 N. Central Ave., Indianapolis. **Pro-Life Day of Reflection**, Augustinian Father Denis Wilde, Priests for Life, presenter, Mass, 8 a.m., program, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., lunch provided, free-will offerings to support pro-life ministries. Information: 317-283-5508.

June 18
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Silent non-guided reflection day**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$25 per person

includes breakfast and lunch. Information: 317-545-7681 or www.archindy.org/fatima.

June 20-22
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"The Church after Vatican II: Discover the Buried Treasure,"** Benedictine Father Jeremy King and Benedictine Father Benet Amato, presenters. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

June 22-28
Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **"A Monastic Community Retreat: Living the Benedictine Spirit in our World—Values, Relationships and Prayer,"** Father Noah Casey, presenter, \$425 per person,

\$50 registration due June 13. Information: 317-788-7581 or benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

June 24-26
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Midweek retreat, "St. Benedict's Way,"** Benedictine Brother Maurus Zoeller, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

June 27-29
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Forgiving and Forgiven,"** Benedictine Brother Zachary Wilberding, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu. †

Four parishes change Mass times due to holiday and race

Four parishes in the Indianapolis West Deanery will change their Mass schedule for the Memorial Day weekend on May 24-25 due to the 92nd annual Indianapolis 500 race on May 25.

St. Christopher Parish, 5301 W. 16th St., Indianapolis—Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on May 24. No Masses will be celebrated on May 25.

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St., Indianapolis—Mass will be celebrated in English at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. and in Spanish at

7:30 p.m. on May 24, and at 7:30 a.m. in English on May 25.

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis—Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on May 24 and at 7:30 a.m. on May 25.

Holy Trinity Parish, 2618 W. St. Clair St., Indianapolis—Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. on May 24. There will not be a Mass on May 25.

For information about Mass changes at other parishes in the area, call the parish offices. †

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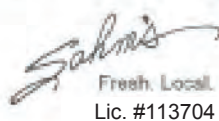
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'Share Your Harvest' program benefits needy people in area

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's food pantry in Indianapolis, in cooperation with Dammann's Lawn and Garden Centers, has an ongoing program called "Share Your Harvest."

Through the effort, any home gardener can bring in excess vegetables to any of Dammann's three Indianapolis-area garden centers at 8005 E. 30th St., 4914 Rockville Road and 5129 S. Emerson Ave.

Dammann's sells the donated fresh vegetables at market value, and all proceeds are given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society's food pantry.

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers use the funds to purchase meat and canned goods for needy people in the area who come to the food pantry for assistance.

"As Christians, we have a responsibility to care for others in need," said Helen Dammann, co-owner of the Dammann's stores.

She said her husband, Jim, who is an avid gardener, came up with the idea for this unique way to reach out to the less fortunate.

They are members of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis.

Jim Dammann said Tim and Pam Hafner, who are volunteers for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, "spend a lot of time planting and growing" vegetables and deserve much of the credit for the program.

Don Striegel, the St. Vincent de Paul Society's food pantry volunteer coordinator, said his organization has had a good partnership with Dammann's for the

last few years, and he hopes it will continue in the future.

"It's been a really good deal," Striegel said.

Due to the uncertainty that many Americans—including the marginalized—face these days with the nation's unstable economy, Striegel said, "any help is definitely appreciated."

(Dammann's three Indianapolis locations and their phone numbers are: 8005 E. 30th St., 317-894-1867; 4914 Rockville Road, 317-381-9787; and 5129 S. Emerson Ave., 317-786-0799. For more information about the St. Vincent de Paul Society's food pantry, located at 3001 E. 30 St., in Indianapolis, call 317-924-5769.) †

VIPs

Bernard and Rita (Heppner) Batta, members of St. Paul Parish in New Alsace, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 17.

The couple was married on May 17, 1958, at Holy Family Church in Oldenburg.

They have three children: Debra Walker,

Douglas and Jeff Batta. They have seven grandchildren. †





Permanent Deacons

Archdiocese of Indianapolis
FIRST ORDINATION CLASS

Meet our future deacons

On June 28, history will be made at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis when 25 men from central and southern Indiana become the first permanent deacons ordained for the

Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

This week's issue of *The Criterion* continues a series of profiles of these men, which will be published in the weeks leading up to that important day. †

Mike Stratman



Age: **52**
Spouse: **Cynthia**
Home Parish: **Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Terre Haute**
Occupation: **Advertising Salesman**

Who are the important role models in your life of faith?

My first role model of faith in my life is my wife, Cindy. She is loving, honest, understanding and supportive in my journey of faith. Janet Roth, our [parish] youth minister, has a love and dedication to our youth and the people she works with that is awesome! Another group that needs to be mentioned here is our prayer group. This awesome group of men and women has come together twice a month for the past 11 years. They offer a spiritual awareness of Christ's presence in my life through prayer, reflection and support.

What are your favorite Scripture verses, prayers and devotions?

One of my of my favorite Scripture passages is 1 Cor 9:19-27. It describes the way that I approach my ministry as being "all things to all." My daily prayer consists of the Liturgy of the Hours, daily readings of Scripture, and personal prayer devotions to St. Joseph and

St. Michael the Archangel.

Why do you feel that God is calling you to become a deacon?

I believe we are all called to be ministers in some way within the Catholic Church. When I was accepted into the diaconate program, I felt God had a hand in the decision-making process. Throughout the four years of formation, God has guided me and given me the strength to follow the path of the diaconate and the peace of mind that comes from serving God.

How will being ordained a deacon have an impact on your life and family?

The impact on my life and family as a deacon will be challenging, to say the least, when maintaining a balance within my life. My first obligation is to my marriage and family. I would not be here if it wasn't for my family's support and prayers. My love for the Catholic Church and my ministry as a deacon will be fruitful through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit when I minister with love and understanding to my family, friends and the Catholic Church. †

Age: **57**

Spouse: **Ann**

Home Parish: **St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis**

Occupation: **Parish Life Coordinator**

Bob Decker



Who are the important role models in your life of faith?

Christ is my primary role model. My parents, my wife, children, grandchildren, family and friends have taught me unconditional love. Friends and parishioners at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis, St. John the Baptist Parish in Osgood and St. Paul Parish in New Alsace have taught me how to live in a community united with Christ.

What are your favorite Scripture verses, prayers and devotions?

[The Mass] is the center point of my life where I become energized with the blessings of the Holy Spirit to live with Christ and all God's people. I love the Eucharist. Here we become the Christ to others.

Why do you feel that God is calling you to become a deacon?

The more I inform my faith, the stronger it grows. As I reach out to others, the call to help them becomes louder. As I

see Jesus in others, I feel compelled to respond. The more I pray and listen to God, the more I feel it is his call and it is his request for me. I have been blessed with so many gifts, relationships and abilities. I thank God and return them to him as a servant. I am called by Christ and his Church to share my gifts with others. It brings [me] great joy as I do so.

How will being ordained a deacon have an impact on your life and family?

Through formation and through ministering, we—my children, grandchildren, family and especially my wife—grow deeper in love as we grow together with Christ in our daily life. We place God as a priority in our life. As a result, there are times of sacrifice as I tend to the needs of others rather than having that time together. This cup becomes a family cup, shared and accepted with God's blessing. I try to make up that time with them later. †

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June 20-22, 2008

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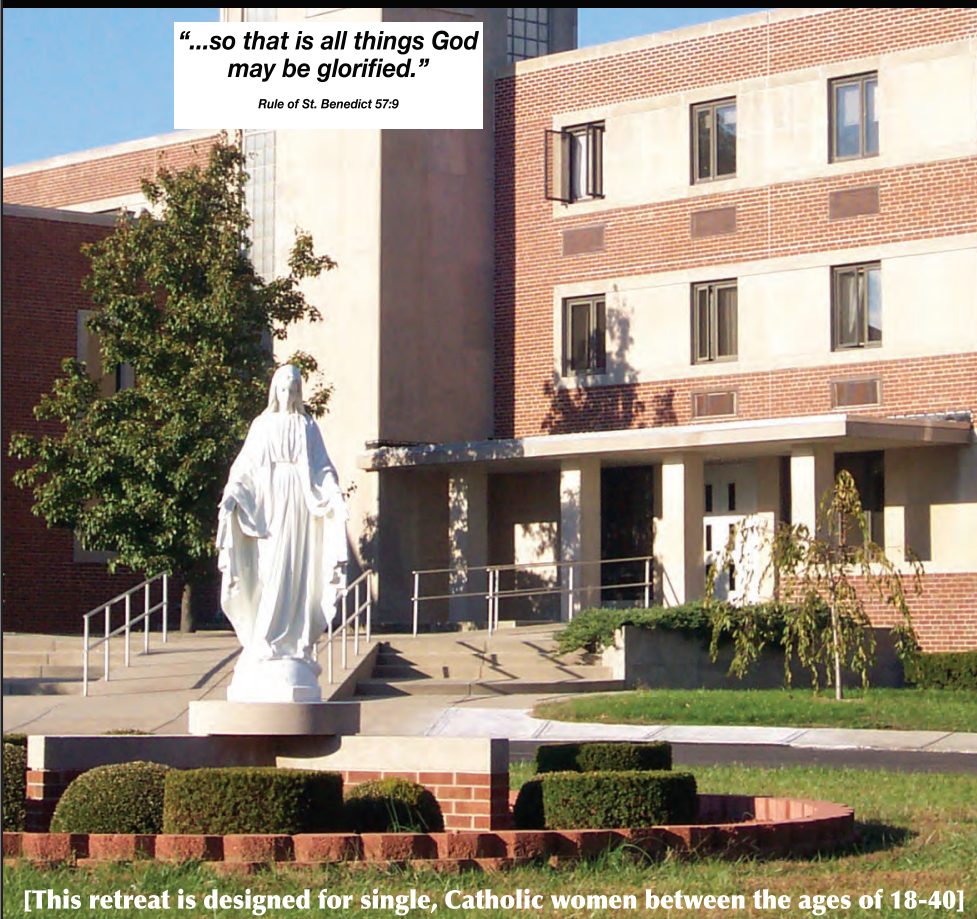
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visit of the Holy Father to the United States in an exceptional way.

You have seen that the pope who has, as a caricature, an intimidating personality. Even so, you have seen his joy, his smile, his open arms to the American people.

I remember that one newspaper asked me, "Does Benedict XVI love the American people?"

I answered that it is a tradition almost all over the world that anniversaries are celebrated in the family.

And Pope Benedict XVI has chosen to celebrate his birthday and to celebrate the anniversary of his election as pope in the United States. You can conclude yourself.

Q Was there any particular event or moment during Pope Benedict's visit here that had a special significance for you personally?

A His eucharistic celebrations at the Nationals Park in Washington and at Yankee Stadium in New York.

The Holy Father is impressive when he is celebrating the Eucharist. I receive the impression that when he speaks, he would like to disappear so that, through his voice, it would be Christ himself speaking to the people.

And when the Lord is present on the altar after the consecration, the pope would like to disappear so the people will see Jesus Christ in the midst of them.

Q During his meeting with the U.S. bishops, the pope, quoting Cardinal Francis E. George, noted that some U.S. bishops had handled badly some of the sexual abuse cases. Many people in the media, who were skeptical before the pope's visit, were very pleased by the trip. But they still thought, "Why haven't any of these bishops who handled cases badly been disciplined in a public way?" How would you respond to a question like that?

A You need to read what is written. The pope quoted a phrase of Cardinal George referring to the past.

There is a phrase to the priests in St. Patrick's [Cathedral] in New York in which the pope, already responding to this kind of rumor, said to the priests to be in solidarity with their bishops, who will continue to repair the damage created by the sex scandal and to renovate the Church on this aspect.

So the pope did not make a reproach to the bishops of today. He said, according to the phrase of Cardinal George, that, in the past, some bishops have handled this question badly.

But he recognized how the bishops of yesterday and the bishops of today are really honest and engaged in solving this problem.

Q So maybe those who may have made mistakes in the past recognized their mistakes and are not making those mistakes again?

A Yes. But you have to know that almost the totality of the bishops of today have to face the consequences of mistakes that were made before they were bishops, before

they were responsible.

And it is not easy to spend so much of your time, of your human and psychological energy, and of the money of the diocese for mistakes that you have not committed.

There's only one example to follow: Jesus assumed on himself the sins that he did not commit—our sins.

Q Shortly before Pope Benedict's visit here, you said that "our primary goal with the victims is to help them heal from this very deep hurt that has been imposed on them." How do you think that goal may have been advanced by the meeting that the pope had with a group of victims that happened in your home?

A Exactly. I was there. It was an extremely moving moment, full of emotion from every side. I think that these persons will never forget their meeting with the pope.

And after the pope left, I saw on their faces and in their words and in their attitudes the sense of liberation from what they suffered.

What I want to say is this: We're helping these people who really need help—not those who are trying to gain money with them—but those who are trying to re-establish their confidence in love, their confidence in life, and their confidence in others and in the Church.

These five persons, as the long list of the many others that I have followed in the same way, in some way, they have found again the joy of living. One of these ladies will be married in the next month.

Q When you addressed the U.S. bishops last fall, you said that you hoped the coming apostolic journey by his holiness would be a visit by Peter to help bring about a new Pentecost in the Church in the United States.

A A new usefulness, a new springtime, a new Pentecost. Yes.



Pope Benedict XVI waves beside Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, after arriving at Andrews Air Force Base, outside Washington, on April 15.

Q What would you suggest to the faithful here that they keep with them from the pope's trip that would help make that new Pentecost a reality?

A I would like to say to the Catholics of the United States that if our sins are humiliating us, we must always be grateful for the faith we receive in Jesus Christ and grateful for the gift of belonging to the Church.

So, as an expression of this gratitude, we should continue to announce the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And we should be proud to witness Jesus Christ in the society in which we live. This is the first sign of the Resurrection: to be grateful for what God has given us.

(To read Archbishop Pietro Sambi's reflections and memories of his ministry as a papal diplomat, including Pope John Paul II's 2000 pilgrimage to the Holy Land, log on to www.CriterionOnline.com.) †

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50 years as a Conventual Franciscan Priest

Friar Kenneth Gering, OFM Conv., will be celebrating 50 years as a Conventual Franciscan Priest on Sunday, May 25, 2008 with a Noon Mass in the Chapel at Mt. St. Francis, Indiana, located on Highway 150 west of New Albany, Indiana.



Friar Kenneth Gering, OFM

Following Ordination he taught physics and chemistry for thirteen years to high school seminarians. Although he ministered a few times in parishes, most of his years of ministry have been in health care. He was hospital chaplain in Chicago Heights for nine years and in Terre Haute, Indiana for six years. He has been chaplain at the Providence-Mercy Retirement Home for twelve years. Additionally, Friar Ken also serves as chaplain of two groups of the Knights of Columbus, the Father Badin Assembly and the Pope John Paul II Council. He is also chaplain for the Legion of Mary.

He presently resides at Mt. St. Francis Friary.

He was born in the west end of Louisville, Kentucky on November 16, 1927. He was Baptized, received his First Holy Communion and Confirmed at St. Columba Church on West Market Street in Louisville. His high school education was at St. Xavier High School at 2nd and Broadway. After serving in the Navy, he attended and graduated from the University of Louisville Speed School of

Engineering in 1951. During the last year at Speed, he attended a retreat at Mt. St. Francis with his father. This was the time of inspiration to join the Conventual Franciscan Community. Friar Ken was Ordained on February 23, 1958 at the Cathedral in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Explore Southern Indiana's state parks



Above, clockwise, American lotuses, members of the water lily family, line the banks of the lake at Lincoln State Park opposite the boat rental house.

Kelly Kuchenbrod of Evansville, Ind., a volunteer at O'Bannon Woods State Park, demonstrates how wool yarn is created with a traditional spinning wheel.

This log cabin is the hub of the pioneer farmstead at Lincoln State Park, and is located about 50 feet from the bronzed foundation and hearth of the cabin where the Lincoln family lived from 1816 until 1830.

A white-tailed fawn stares at tourists from the edge of the woods in Harmonie State Park.

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Photo courtesy Al Brown

Desert beauty

Sedona Gardens of St. John Vianney are breathtaking, page 5B.



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Kentucky's 'Holy Land'

Bardstown played key role in growth of U.S. Church, page 6B.

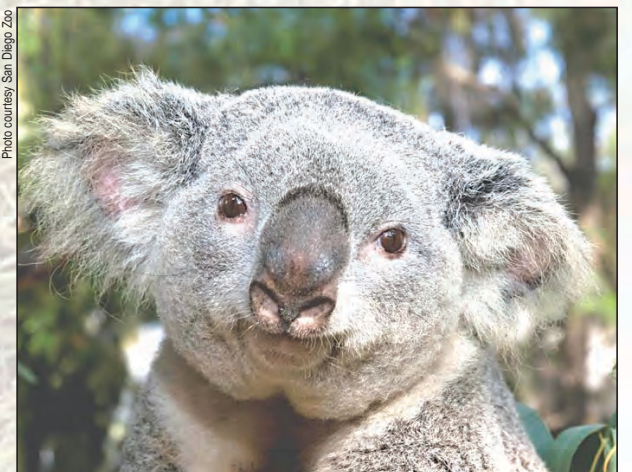


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Zoo celebrates 20 years

Koalas get summer vacation at Indianapolis Zoo, page 16B.

History and harmony

O'Bannon, Lincoln and Harmonie state parks offer lots of fun activities for everyone

By Patricia Happel Cornwell
Special to The Criterion

SOUTHERN INDIANA—Indiana has 24 state parks, but many Hoosiers may not know that tucked away in the southwest corner are three beautiful parks: O'Bannon Woods, Lincoln and Harmonie.

You can reach these parks by State Road 62 from New Albany or I-65 south to I-265 west then I-64 west.

But if you take the interstates, you miss seeing Possum Junction, Little Pigeon Creek and Frog Pond Road. I prefer the "back way" past swallowtail butterflies feeding on Joe Pye Weed, fields of corn and cattle, hilltop farmhouses, small towns, the bell towers of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and sycamores lining Little Blue River.

Department of Natural Resources park fees are \$4 per car on Monday through Thursday, \$5 per car on Friday through Sunday and on holidays, and \$7 for non-residents. A \$36 annual pass for Hoosiers covers admission to all the state parks. An annual pass for a non-resident with an out-of-state license plate costs \$46.

Properties are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. for day users. The area west of Corydon is on Central Time so Lincoln and Harmonie state parks are an hour "behind" Indianapolis. These parks do not have lodges. Campsite and cabin fees vary by location.

"In wildness is the preservation of the world."
— Henry David Thoreau



The restored home of Union Army Col. William Jones lies within the boundaries of Lincoln State Park. He is remembered as the first employer of young Abraham Lincoln, who was a clerk at his store.

Eighty miles of horse trails loop through the park and state forest, and two horsemen's camps are available, one with electricity.

Wildflower gardens grace the approach to the nature center, where year-round activities range from children's programs on creepy, crawly things to canoe trips and guided cave exploration.

A short walk through a butterfly garden behind the center brings you to the 1830s-era farmstead, the hub of living history demonstrations enacted on several weekends during the summer. We watched costumed volunteers ply such pioneer skills as blacksmithing, woodworking and spinning.

What makes O'Bannon Woods unique, however, is its 1850 hay press, a three-story baling mechanism that is its own barn. Restored in 2000, it is one of only eight surviving hay presses in the country and the only one that is still operational. The barn originally also housed cattle, hay and farm equipment.

My husband, John, and I joined a crowd one Saturday to watch the press work. Operating it requires three attendants plus a strong draft animal, such as an ox, to turn a wooden "sweep" at the bottom of the building.

During several weekends a year, "Lion," a 2,000-pound, 12-year-old Durham Shorthorn ox earns his hay when he is yoked to the sweep, a horizontal wooden beam, and a volunteer leads him in a circle. This raises a 500-pound weight from the second floor to the third level via pulleys as helpers fork hay into a second-floor compartment. When the weight falls, it compresses the hay into a 300-pound square bale. It takes 15 minutes to make one bale.

Samuel Hewitt of Switzerland County invented the press in 1843 to facilitate transportation of hay to urban areas via barges on the Ohio River. It improved on the earlier "jump press," so named because men actually jumped on the hay to compress it. By the 20th century, steam-powered balers made hay presses obsolete.

O'Bannon Woods partially borders the Ohio River and has small-boat access to the Blue River.

Leavenworth and Corydon are close enough to provide lodging and dining alternatives.

Also nearby are the Corydon First State Capitol, Wyandotte Caves, Marengo Cave and Squire Boone Caverns.

Lincoln State Park

Highway 162
15476 N. County Road 300 E.
Lincoln City, IN 47552
812-937-4710
Established in Spencer County in 1932
1,747 acres
3 hours or 195 miles from Indianapolis
1¾ hours or 80 miles from New Albany
Where to go to Mass:
St. Nicholas Church
State Road 245
Santa Claus, IN 47579
812-937-2380
Mass times: 4 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday

Everybody loves a bargain, especially on vacation, so my husband, John, and I were pleased to discover a "twofer" in Spencer County.

Turning west at the junction of State Road 245 and State Road 162, we discovered the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial directly across the road from Lincoln State Park.

The route to both sites goes past Holiday World in Santa Claus so those with kids may be compelled to stop there. If you do, the only hotel is Santa's Lodge across from the amusement park.

For adults, Christmas Lake Golf Course is nearby. There is no lodging in Lincoln City so a visit to the park and memorial requires an overnight stay either at Santa's Lodge, in a campsite or cabin at the park, or at one of two hotels north of Dale near I-64.

Lincoln State Park has cabins, campsites, a swimming pool, nature center, hiking trails, a small wetland and the Sarah Lincoln Woods Nature Preserve.

Lincoln Lake has a boathouse and paddleboats. I was fascinated by stands of American lotuses on the water with unreal and very photogenic six-inch yellow blooms.

History fans will want to visit the gravesite of Abraham Lincoln's sister, Sarah Lincoln-Grigsby, and the reconstructed brick farmhouse of William Jones, Lincoln's first employer.

The Jones home is accessible by foot trail for serious adult hikers, but it's a long walk and part of the route is along the busy road. The best option is to drive there via Highway 162 by going west two miles to Gentryville.

The 1,500-seat outdoor Lincoln Amphitheatre was built to offer concerts and other entertainment throughout the year, but there are no programs scheduled this year. Indiana Department of Natural Resources personnel expect to reopen it with a new "Lincoln Drama" in 2009.

Across Highway 162, the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will gratify history buffs. Its half-moon museum is faced with bas-relief sculptures and Lincoln quotations. There is no fee to visit the memorial. The grave of Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks, is on the property, which is also the site of a working 1820s-era pioneer farm.

On the afternoon that we visited the farmstead, goldfinches were harvesting seeds from sunflowers, a dove cooed in a tree overhead, and a costumed woman swept out the cabin. In the barnyard, a man fed a cow, sheep and chickens. Another man did leatherwork in a nearby shed. In the summer, Indiana Department of Natural Resources personnel enact daily demonstrations of pioneer trades.

Thomas Lincoln, Abe's father, moved his family to what is now Spencer County in 1816, the year that Indiana became a state.

In 1934, archaeologists uncovered remnants of the cabin where the future president lived for 14 formative years as a boy and teenager. The bronzed hearth and foundation of the simple home can be seen up close

See PARKS, page 11B



Costumed volunteers ready Lion, a Durham Shorthorn ox, for a demonstration of the restored 1850 hay press at O'Bannon Woods State Park.

O'Bannon Woods

State Park

7234 Old Forest Road S.W.
Corydon, IN 47112
812-738-8232
Established in Harrison County in 2004
2,000 acres
2½ hours or 150 miles from Indianapolis
40 minutes or 30 miles from New Albany
Where to go to Mass:
St. Joseph Church
312 E. High St.
Corydon, IN 47112
812-738-2742
Mass times: 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday

"A culture is no better than its woods."
— W. H. Auden

O'Bannon Woods is a state park within a state forest. Its 2,000 acres are surrounded by the 24,000-acre Harrison-Crawford State Forest, a nature preserve.

Originally called Wyandotte Woods State Recreation Area, it was renamed in 2004 to honor the late Gov. Frank O'Bannon, a Corydon native.

Like most state parks, it offers picnic areas, campgrounds, cabins, hiking trails, a swimming pool and nature center.



A circuitous maze of boxwood hedges eventually leads to a tiny stone chapel in the historic Harmonist Labyrinth on Route 69 just south of New Harmony. It symbolizes the difficult path to perfection.



Parish Festivals

May 24

St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight, 8310 St. John Road, **Floyds Knobs**. Strawberry Festival, 8 a.m.-1 a.m., make your own shortcake, street dance. Information: 812-923-5785.

Holy Guardian Angels Parish, 405 U.S. Highway 52, **Cedar Grove**. Spring Fling, rummage sale and chicken dinner, sale 9 a.m.-1 p.m., dinner, 3 p.m.-7 p.m. Information: 765-647-6981.

May 28-31

St. Rose Parish, Highway 40, **Knights town**. Yard sale, booths, food, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Information: 765-345-7429 or stroseyardsale@yahoo.com.

May 30

Knights of Columbus Council #3660, 511 E. Thompson Road, **Indianapolis**. Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Feast of the Sacred Heart, dinner and reception, 6:30 p.m.-11 p.m., \$20 per person. Information: 317-638-5551.

May 30-31

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, 4052 E. 38th St., **Indianapolis**. Open Market, Fri., rummage sale, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., crafts, food, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., health fair, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 317-546-1571.

May 30-June 1

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish, 1401 N. Bosart Ave., **Indianapolis**. Summerfest, Fri. 5 p.m.-11 p.m., Sat. 3 p.m.-11 p.m., Sun. 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., rides, games, food, entertainment. Information: 317-357-8352.

May 31

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 1530 Union St., **Indianapolis**. "Meet and Eat," pitch-in dinner, meat and drinks provided, 6:15 p.m.-9 p.m. Information: 317-638-5551.

Our Lady of the Springs Parish, 8796 W. State Road 56, **French Lick**. "A Taste of Italy," Italian dinner, 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Information: 812-936-4568.

June 5-7

St. Simon the Apostle Parish, 8155 Oaklondon Road, **Indianapolis**. Parish festival, 5 p.m.-midnight, rides, games, entertainment, food. Information: 317-826-6000, ext. 150.

June 5-8

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Summer Festival, Thurs. 5 p.m.-11 p.m., Italian dinner, 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, fish fry, 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.,

Sat. 2 p.m.-midnight, pork chop dinner, 4 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Sun. noon-9 p.m., fried chicken dinner, noon-3 p.m., rides, games, food. Information: 317-888-2861, ext. 236.

June 6-8

St. Louis School, 17 St. Louis Place, **Batesville**. Rummage sale, Fri. 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., half-price sale noon-4 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$1 bag sale. Information: 812-934-3204.

June 8

St. Paul Parish, 814 Jefferson St., **Tell City**. Parish picnic, City Hall Park, 700 Main St., across from church, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., games, food. Information: 812-547-9901.

June 12-14

St. Anthony Parish, 337 N. Warman Ave., **Indianapolis**. Summer Festival, food, trash-to-treasures sale, games, Thurs. 6 p.m.-10 p.m., Fri. and Sat. 6 p.m.-11 p.m. Information: 317-636-4828.

St. Bernadette Parish, 4838 E. Fletcher Ave., **Indianapolis**. Summer Festival, 5 p.m.-midnight, games, rides, food. Information: 317-356-5867.

St. Michael Parish, 519 Jefferson Blvd., **Greenfield**. Summerfest, Thurs. 5 p.m.-11 p.m., Battle of the Bands, Fri. 5 p.m.-11 p.m., Sat. 1 p.m.-11 p.m., rides, games, food, fireworks Fri. and Sat. nights. Information: 317-462-4240.

June 13-14

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**. 25th annual Italian Street Festival, Fri.-Sat. 5 p.m.-11 p.m., Italian foods, music, rides. Information: 317-636-4478.

Holy Angels Parish, 740 W. 28th St., **Indianapolis**. Juneteenth Festival, Fri. fish fry, 4 p.m.-9 p.m., Sat. soul food dinners, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., children's activities, country store, games, pony rides, classic car show. Information: 317-926-3324.

St. Mary Parish, 415 E. Eighth St., **New Albany**. 24th annual Street Dance Weekend, Fri. 6 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 6 p.m.-1 a.m., games, food, music, dance Sat. night. Information: 812-944-9775.

June 13-15

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St., **Indianapolis**. International Festival, Fri.-Sat. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sun. 5 p.m.-10 p.m., food, games, rides, entertainment. Information: 317-291-7014, ext. 27.

June 14

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish,

2322 N. 13½ St., **Terre Haute**. Parish auction, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 812-466-1231.

June 19-21

St. Jude Parish, 5353 McFarland Road, **Indianapolis**. Summer Festival, 5 p.m.-midnight, food, games, rides. Information: 317-786-4371.

June 20-21

Christ the King Parish, 1827 E. Kessler Blvd., **Indianapolis**. Summer Social, Fri.-Sat. 5 p.m.-midnight, food, music, games, talent show, entertainment, rummage sale. Information: 317-255-3666.

June 22

St. Nicholas Parish, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Drive, **Sunman**. Parish festival and picnic, chicken dinner, turtle soup, games, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Information: 812-623-2964.

June 29

St. Paul Catholic Center, 1413 E. 17th St., **Bloomington**. "Mass in the Meadow" and parish picnic, 10:30 a.m., food, games. Information: 812-339-5561.

St. Maurice Parish, 1963 N. St. John St., **Greensburg**. Parish picnic, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., roast beef and chicken dinners, games, country store. Information: 812-663-4754.

July 10-12

Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. 10th St., **Indianapolis**. Parish festival, 5:30 p.m.-11 p.m., rides, food, music, entertainment. Information: 317-353-9404.

July 11-12

St. Benedict Parish, 111 S. Ninth St., **Terre Haute**. Community Festival, 5 p.m.-midnight, flea market, children's games, food, music, \$2 admission. Information: 812-232-8421.

July 11-13

St. Lawrence Parish, 542 Walnut St.,

Lawrenceburg. Parish festival, food, music, rides, Fri. 5:30 p.m.-midnight, pork chop dinner, Sat. 2 p.m.-midnight, German dinner, Sun. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., chicken dinner. Information: 812-537-3992.

July 13

Harrison County Fairgrounds, 341 Capitol Ave., **Corydon**. St. Joseph Parish, parish picnic, 10 a.m., chicken dinner, food, games. Information: 812-738-2742.

July 17-19

St. Christopher Parish, 5301 W. 16th St., **Indianapolis**. 70th annual Midsummer Festival, Thurs. 4 p.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 4 p.m.-11 p.m., Sat. noon-11 p.m., food, games, rides. Information: 317-241-6314.

July 18-19

St. Susanna Parish, 1210 E. Main St., **Plainfield**. Parish festival, Fri. 6 p.m.-11 p.m., pulled pork dinner, Sat. 4:30 p.m.-midnight, rib-eye steak dinner, food, games. Information: 317-839-3333.

July 19

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish, 23670 Salt Fork Road, **Bright**. Parish festival, music, food, children's games, Mass, 3 p.m. Information: 812-656-8700.

July 20

St. John the Baptist Parish, 25743 State Road 1, **Dover**. Summer Festival, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., fried chicken dinner, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., games, country store. Information: 812-576-4302.

St. Mary Parish, Navilleton, 7500 Navilleton Road, **Floyds Knobs**. Parish picnic, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., silent auction. Information: 812-923-5419.

July 24-26

St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, 535 E. Edgewood Ave., **Indianapolis**. Fun Fest, 5 p.m.-midnight, rides, food, music, games. Information: 317-787-8246.

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July 25-26

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 316 N. Sherwood Ave., **Clarksville**. Parish festival, Fri. 5 p.m.-11 p.m., Sat. 2 p.m.-11 p.m., chicken dinner, food, entertainment. Information: 812-282-2290.

July 26-27

St. Martin Parish, 8044 Yorkridge Road, **Yorkville**. Parish festival, Sat. 4:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., prime rib dinner, 4:30 p.m.-8 p.m., Sun. 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m., fried chicken dinner, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., food, games, music. Information: 812-623-3408.

July 27

St. Augustine Parish, 18020 Lafayette St., **Leopold**. Parish festival and picnic, 11 a.m., chicken dinners, quilts, games. Information: 812-843-5143.

August 1-2

St. Joseph Parish, 2605 St. Joe Road W., **Sellersburg**. Parish yard sale, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-246-2512.

August 2

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 523 S. Merrill St., **Fortville**. Summer Festival, 11 a.m.-10 p.m., games, food, entertainment, auction, chicken and noodles dinner. Information: 317-485-5102.

August 3

St. Bernard Parish, 7600 Highway 337, **Frenchtown**. Parish picnic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., fried chicken dinner, booths, games. Information: 812-347-2326.

St. Boniface Parish, 15519 N. State Road 545, **Fulda**. Parish picnic, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., food, quilts. Information: 812-357-5533.

August 9-10

St. Paul Parish, 9798 N. Dearborn Road, **Guilford/New Alsace**. Parish festival, Sat. 6 p.m.-midnight, Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., family-style chicken dinner, quilts, food, games, music. Information: 812-487-2096.

August 10

St. Mary Parish, 2500 St. Mary's Drive, **Lanesville**. Parish festival and picnic, fried chicken and country ham dinners, booths, quilts, games, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-952-2853.

August 15-16

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 46th and Illinois streets,

Indianapolis. Sausage Fest, food, music, Fri., Sat. 4 p.m.-11 p.m. Information: 317-253-1461.

August 17

St. Pius Parish, County Road 500 E., **Sunman**. Parish picnic, chicken dinners, games, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-623-8007.

August 22-23

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish, 7225 Southeastern Ave., **Indianapolis**. "Augustravanza," rides, food, music, entertainment, 4 p.m.-midnight. Information: 317-357-1200.

Prince of Peace Parish, 413 E. Second St., **Madison**. Community Festival, Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School, 201 W. State St., Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 3 p.m.-midnight, food, carnival rides, games. Information: 812-265-4166.

August 31

St. Patrick Parish, 950 Prospect St., **Indianapolis**. Parish festival, games, dance contest, food, health fair, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Information: 317-631-5824.

St. John the Evangelist Parish, 9995 E. Base Road, **Enochsburg**. Parish festival, fried chicken dinner, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 812-934-2880.

August 29-September 1

Sacred Heart Parish, 558 Nebeker St., **Clinton**. Little Italy Festival, Water Street in downtown Clinton, Fri. 7 p.m.-11 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Mon. 11 a.m.-closing, Italian food, entertainment. Information: 765-832-8468.

September 1

St. Peter Parish, 1207 East Road, **Brookville**. Labor Day Festival, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., booths, games, quilts, 10:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m., chicken dinner in dining room or carry-out meals. Information: 812-623-3670.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 4791 E. Morris Church St., **Morris**. Labor Day Festival, games, food, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Information: 812-934-6218.

September 5

St. Anne Parish, 5267 N. Hamburg Road, **Oldenburg**. Turkey dinner, 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Information: 812-934-5854.

September 6-7

St. Michael Parish, 145 St. Michael Blvd., **Brookville**. Parish festival, Sat. 4 p.m.-10 p.m., pork chop dinner, Sun. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., chicken dinner. Information: 765-647-5462.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, 333 W. Maple St., **Cambridge City**. Canal Days, Highway 40 in downtown Cambridge City, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., parish food booth, pork chops and Italian sausage. Information: 765-478-3242.

St. Mary (Immaculate Conception) Parish, 512 N. Perkins St., **Rushville**. Fall Festival, Sat. noon-11 p.m., hog roast,

music, dance, Sun. 7 a.m.-4 p.m., chicken dinner. Information: 765-932-2588.

September 7

St. Mary Parish, 212 Washington St., **North Vernon**. Community Festival, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., food, children's games. Information: 812-346-3604.

St. Pius V Parish, Highway 66, **Troy**. Fall Festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., dinners, games. Information: 812-547-7994.

September 12-14

SS. Francis and Clare Parish, 5901 Olive Branch Road, **Greenwood**. Parish festival, Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. noon-midnight, Sun., family fun day, 1 p.m.-5 p.m., rides, games, music, food. Information: 317-859-4673.

September 13

Marian Inc., 1011 E. St. Clair St., **Indianapolis**. Holy Cross Parish, Feast of the Holy Cross, dinner, dance and silent auction, 6 p.m.-11 p.m., \$50 per person. Information: 317-637-2620.

St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 N. Central Ave., **Indianapolis**. French Market, noon-10 p.m., French food, booths, children's activity area, entertainment. Information: 317-283-5508.

St. Anne Parish, 102 N. 19th St., **New Castle**. Fall Bazaar, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., crafts, bookstore, rummage sale, stained-glass and slate souvenirs from church. Information: 765-529-0933.

September 13-14

St. Mary Parish, 302 E. McKee St., **Greensburg**. Parish picnic, Sat. 5:30 p.m.-11 p.m., pork chop dinner, Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., fried chicken, pulled pork barbecue, bake sale, games. Information: 812-663-8427.

September 14

St. Augustine Parish, 315 E. Chestnut St., **Jeffersonville**. Harvest chicken dinner, bake sale, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-282-2677.

September 19-20

St. Malachy Parish, 326 N. Green St., **Brownsburg**. Country Fair and hog roast, 4 p.m.-11 p.m., food, booths. Information: 317-852-3195.

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Holy Cross Parish, 12239 State Road 62, **St. Croix**. Rummage sale, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 812-843-5701.

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Desert beauty

Sedona Gardens of St. John Vianney are breathtaking

By John F. Fink

SEDONA, ARIZ.—Many people consider Sedona, Ariz., about 110 miles north of Phoenix, and its surrounding area to be the most beautiful place in America.

Nestled between the massive rocks of Red Rock State Park and the deep gorges of Oak Creek Canyon, it has attracted thousands of artists and tourists. My wife, Marie, and I enjoy visiting there.

Some tourists prefer to hike through the Red Rock area, which requires a pass available at the Chamber of Commerce. Other visitors take guided tours by Jeep, offered by several companies, or two 55-minute tours by trolley.

One of the most popular stops, either on a tour or driving yourself, is the Chapel of the Holy Cross, which is located about a mile outside town.

A 90-foot cross dominates the chapel, which was built between two large red sandstone peaks and completed in 1956. A ramp leads to the entrance. It's an attractive site with a good view of the canyon area.

St. John Vianney Church and gardens is another beautiful desert destination. For the past 13 years, Father J. C. Ortiz, the pastor, has supervised the planting of extensive gardens around the church.

Last year, the Keep Sedona Beautiful organization nominated the gardens for a beautiful public space award.

During his seminary formation nearly 20 years ago, Father Ortiz attended the former Saint Meinrad College in southern Indiana. Through the years, he has maintained a long-distance friendship with several Benedictine monks.

You don't have to drive to Arizona to see some of the results of Father Ortiz's horticultural work in the parish gardens.

He has published *The Sedona Gardens of Saint John Vianney*, a gorgeous book filled with about 130 dazzling color photographs of flowers and desert scenery.

Six people are responsible for the stunning photos in the book, all with due credit, of course. Father Ortiz also acknowledges a long list of others, undoubtedly parishioners responsible for some of the heavy lifting.

This isn't just an attractive picture book. It's a book of meditations. Each chapter includes two reflections, which begin with a quotation from Scripture that has some connection to flowers or gardens.

In both photos and text, Father Ortiz presents the passing of a year in the gardens. From January through December, he shows how the gardens change from month to month.

Not all the photographs are of flowers. One of the most striking images is a full-page picture of a statue of St. Joseph and the Holy Child, partially adorned with snow, in the chapter for January, at one of several shrines on the parish property.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is pictured with flowers at both the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine and the shrine of *Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe*.

There are colorful flowers around the outdoor Stations of the Cross and a goldfish pond in an area dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi.

While Father Ortiz studied for the priesthood at Saint Meinrad, he was "surrounded by cornfields and dearly missed the scenery in Arizona."

As a Hoosier, I can sympathize with him and admit that the topography in Indiana can't match the Red Rocks of Sedona. Nevertheless, we also have beautiful gardens in Indiana.

To help himself feel a little more at home while he was studying at Saint Meinrad, he brought some cactuses to Indiana and "proudly displayed in one corner of my cell a piece of my very own desert."

The photos of the cactuses in this book, in the chapter for August, are certainly among the most beautiful, especially a full-page picture of an Engelmann's prickly pear and another of a Beavertail prickly pear.

That chapter also has a photo of cactuses in the foreground with the red rock formations of Sail Rock and Steamboat Rock in the background.

The photos show the amazing variety of plants and flowers at the St. John Vianney gardens. One two-page spread shows various tomatoes. It's followed by a photo of a loaded-down peach tree spread across two pages. The pictures of roses are also spectacular.

Father Ortiz said the reflections in the book sprang from remembrances as he walked on the grounds and in the gardens.

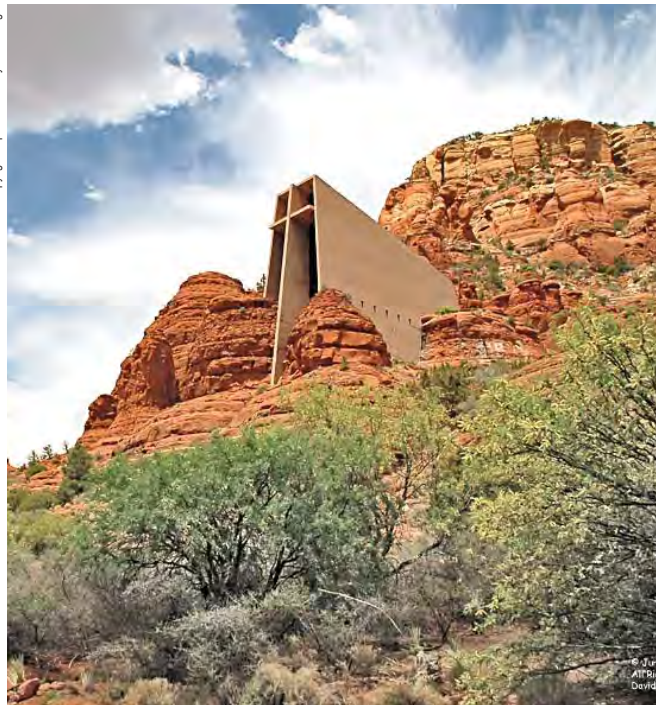
(The book can be ordered from Zitro Press, St. John Vianney Church, 180 Soldiers Pass Road, Sedona, AZ 86336. It is priced at \$34.95. John F. Fink is editor emeritus of The Criterion.) †

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Red rock formations are a stunning backdrop for the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe—*Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe*—in the Sedona Gardens of St. John Vianney in Arizona, a popular destination for Catholic tourists visiting the Southwest. While enjoying the gardens, visitors can attend Mass at the church. Father J. C. Ortiz, the pastor, is the author of a book of meditations illustrated with these and other color pictures of the beautiful gardens.

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The Chapel of the Holy Cross in Sedona, Ariz., is a chapel of the Diocese of Phoenix administered by Dr. Charles Reaume, with chapel staff under the direction of Father J. C. Ortiz. Visitors to the Southwest are invited to both tour and pray at the Chapel of the Holy Cross as well as the Sedona Gardens of St. John Vianney Parish, about three miles from the chapel. The Web site address is <http://www.chapeloftheholycross.com>.

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Roses decorate the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in the Sedona Gardens of St. John Vianney in Arizona. The parish is named for a French priest who became known as "the Curé d'Ars," the patron of parish priests as well as a holy priest and gifted confessor. St. John Vianney was born in 1786 in Dardilly, near Lyons, France. People flocked to Ars to hear him preach and seek absolution in the sacrament of confession. He died in 1859.

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The Prickly Pear Cactus blooms with brilliant yellow flowers during the spring at the Sedona Gardens of St. John Vianney Parish in Arizona, a popular destination for tourists.

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Kentucky's 'Holy Land'

Bardstown played key role in growth of U.S. Church

By Sean Gallagher

BARDSTOWN, KY.—As you drive south on Interstate 65 out of Louisville and into central Kentucky, there is little evidence in the surrounding countryside that you are entering a region which played a key role in the early development of the Catholic Church in the United States.

But you would be doing exactly that if you got off the highway about an hour south of Louisville and headed over the rolling hills to the small town of Bardstown.

There, and in the area surrounding it, you will find the first cathedral west of the Appalachians, an even older parish church and rectory that also served as the first seminary in the American frontier, and some of the first religious communities in the United States.

In 1808, Pope Pius VII carved the new Diocese of Bardstown out of the Diocese of Baltimore, which at the time was the only Catholic diocese in the country.

One of the main reasons that Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in April was to celebrate the bicentennial of these dioceses.

Originally, the Diocese of Bardstown stretched from the Gulf Coast to the Great Lakes and from the Allegheny Mountains to the Mississippi River.

In the two centuries since its establishment, 40 other dioceses have been created from its original lands, including the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

So, in many respects, by visiting Bardstown, you are tracing the roots of our own local Church in central and southern Indiana.

Pope Pius chose Bardstown along with the more well-established cities of Boston, New York and Philadelphia as the centers of new dioceses in the United States because the late 1700s saw some 300 Catholic families from Maryland move west and settle there.

Although the new diocese was established in 1808, its first leader, Bishop Benedict Joseph Flaget—a French priest who had fled to the United States from France during the French Revolution—didn't arrive there until 1811.

Once he was settled, Bishop Flaget worked quickly to help his infant Church to grow larger.

This can be seen in the buildings of St. Thomas Parish, a

Photo by Sean Gallagher



Completed in 1819, the Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral in Bardstown, Ky., was the first cathedral built in the United States west of the Allegheny Mountains.

few miles south of Bardstown.

The log cabin on the grounds that served as both the original home of Bishop Flaget and the first seminary on the American frontier was recently renovated, and everything you will see there, down to the wooden nails, is original from the time.

Visitors can tour the grounds any time by appointment. However, the parish property is only open to the public from noon until 2 p.m. on Sundays from May 1 to Nov. 1. The parish's church, which dates from 1816, is also of interest.

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Three years after St. Thomas Parish built its church, the construction of St. Joseph Cathedral in Bardstown was completed. The Proto-Cathedral, as it is called now, continues to serve as a parish church almost 200 years later.

Much larger than St. Thomas Church, the cathedral—with its tall spire and interior marked by paintings that were gifts from popes and European royalty—must have been an impressive site to visitors who arrived at the small frontier town out of the seemingly endless forests of the time.

Also impressive is the fact that the building of the Proto-Cathedral was an ecumenical affair with Protestant Christians of the area lending their aid to a project they felt would increase the prestige of their town.

For more information about the Proto-Cathedral, log on to www.bardstown.com/~stjoe.

Other signs around Bardstown of the life of the Church 200 years ago include the motherhouses of the Sisters of Loretto and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, both founded in 1812.

More religious orders also established themselves in the new diocese in the following years, including the Jesuits and the Dominican friars and sisters.

Perhaps more well-known among these religious orders are the Trappist monks of Gethsemani Abbey, located about 12 miles south of Bardstown.

Founded in 1848, seven years after the Diocese of Bardstown became the Diocese of Louisville, the Trappist monks have maintained an apostolate of contemplative prayer and monastic liturgies for more than 150 years.

It was their way of life that attracted a young Thomas Merton to join the community in 1941. Merton, who was known to his fellow monks as Father Louis, became a major Catholic spiritual author in the mid-20th century. Perhaps his most famous book is his 1948 autobiography titled *The Seven Storey Mountain*.

Visitors to the monastery can enjoy the same prayerful silence of the monastery's church and its surrounding countryside that attracted Merton.

They can also purchase the cheese and bourbon fudge that the monks produce and sell to support their monastic community.

These and other Catholic historical sites in the region around Bardstown have led it to be known as the "Kentucky Holy Land."

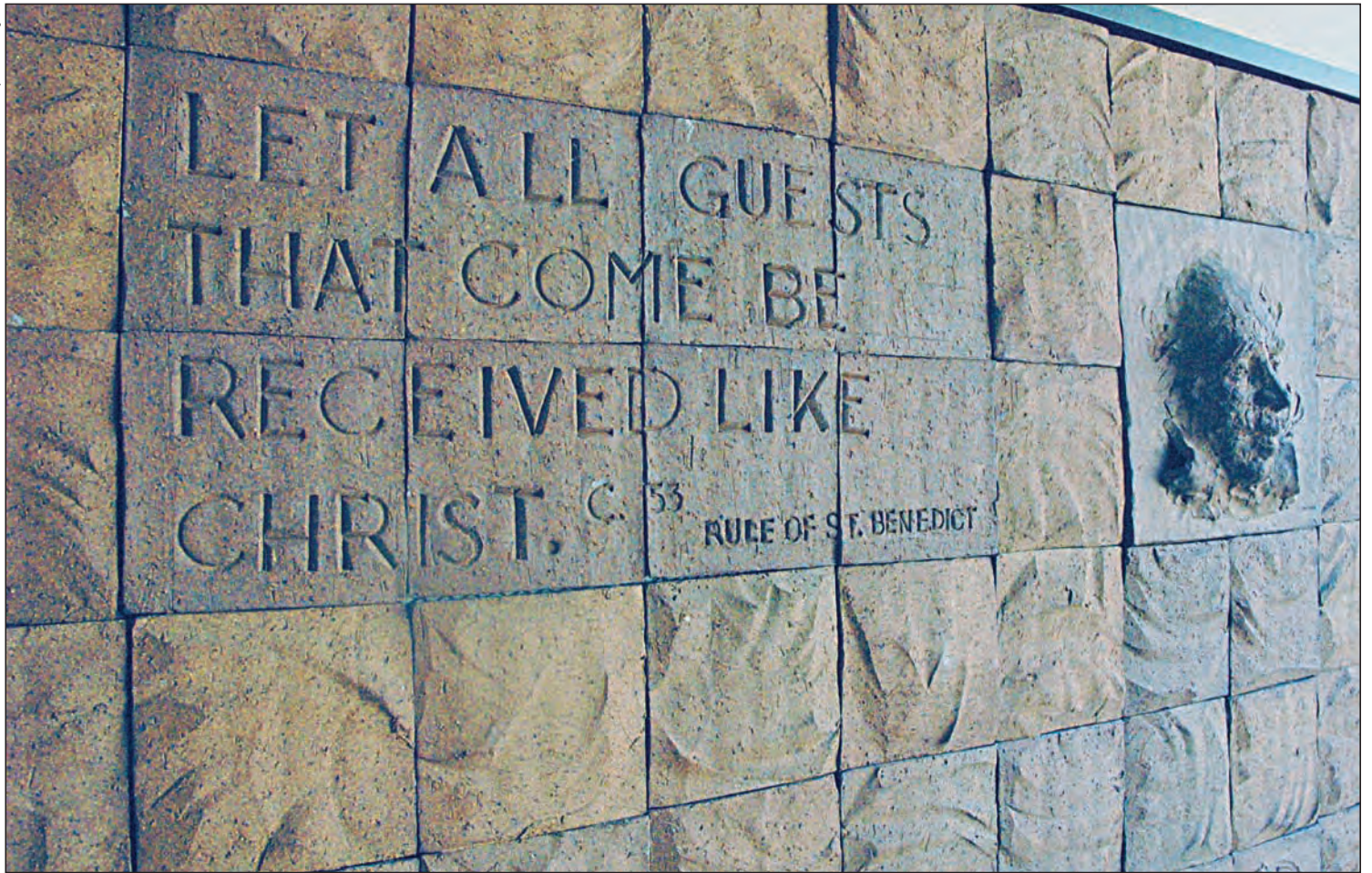
But as the Trappist monks' means of support suggests, the Bardstown area is also known for its bourbon distilleries, including Jim Beam, Maker's Mark and Heaven Hill.

Visitors to these distilleries learn that the way bourbon was made 200 years ago is continued today.

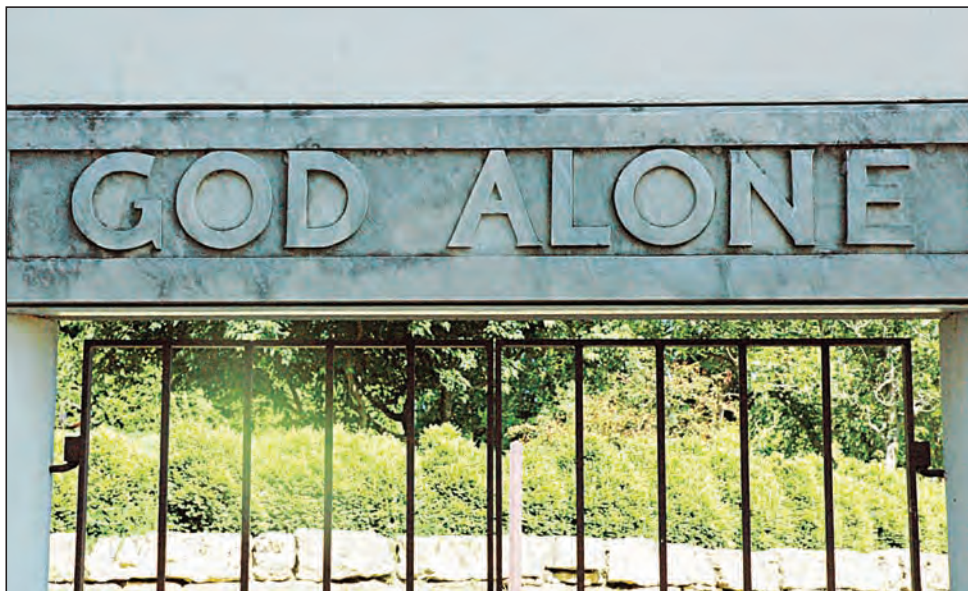
An annual Kentucky Bourbon Festival (www.kybourbonfestival.com) and a Kentucky Bourbon Trail (www.kentuckybourbontrail.com) will interest some tourists.

Travelers to Bardstown might also

Photos by Sean Gallagher



This quotation from *The Rule of St. Benedict* greets visitors at the entrance to the Abbey of Gethsemani's guest house at the Trappist monastery in Kentucky.



The words "God Alone" stand above the entrance to the cloistered area of the Trappist Abbey of Gethsemani, some 12 miles south of Bardstown, Ky. The stark simplicity of and quiet solitude afforded by the monastery's church and grounds invite visitors to focus their hearts solely on God.



This portrait of Bishop Benedict Joseph Flaget, the first bishop of the Diocese of Bardstown, Ky., is displayed in the entryway of St. Thomas Church, which is located a few miles south of Bardstown.

consider spending time at My Old Kentucky Home State Park in which is preserved the home of a cousin of 19th-century composer Stephen Foster, who wrote what became Kentucky's state song, "My Old Kentucky Home," while visiting the area.

A musical based on Foster's songs, *Stephen Foster: The Musical*, is performed several times a week in the park during the summer months.

For more information about the state park and the musical, log on to <http://parks.ky.gov/findparks/recparks/mo>.

Bardstown, a relatively short drive from many areas in the archdiocese, is home to a wide variety of historical attractions that suit

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Italian artistry

Beauty fills Tuscany's cities, towns and countryside

By Sean Gallagher

TUSCANY, ITALY—The cities and towns of Tuscany, a region of Italy north and west of Rome, attract countless visitors, filled as they are with beautiful, centuries-old churches and museums.

Traveling through the region—at least for this two-time visitor to Tuscany—also keeps tourists charmed with every hill and turn in the road.

The rolling hills of Tuscany, which are the foothills of the Apennine Mountains, make up a beautiful patchwork quilt dotted with trees, villas, vineyards and olive tree groves.

If you haven't had the chance to travel through Tuscany, you can get a visual taste for what the region looks like by viewing the 1993 Shakespearean movie *Much Ado About Nothing*.

But as beautiful as that movie is visually, it cannot compare with actually visiting the region.

The splendor of the Tuscan hills is complemented nicely by the magnificence seen in its cities and towns.

The most prominent city in Tuscany is Florence.

Even as a green, first-time overseas traveler of 17 when I visited the city 20 years ago, I found it easy to navigate its streets because of the Arno River that flows through the city.

As you walk from place to place, simply keep in mind where the river is located and that will help keep you from getting lost.

Walking near the river itself is a treat with the many interesting and ancient bridges that cross it.

The most well-known of these is the medieval *Ponte Vecchio*, on which have been built lines of shops over the centuries. Today, the buildings are mostly jewelry shops and art galleries.

A visit to Florence would not be complete without stopping at the city's cathedral, known in Italian as the "Duomo." The Renaissance era dome designed by Brunelleschi dominates the skyline of the magnificent city.

The baptistry across the street from the *duomo* is also a great tourist site with its beautiful gilded bronze doors, known as the "Gates of Paradise," and a 13th-century mosaic of the Last Judgment which adorns its ceilings.

One can easily imagine the medieval Florentine poet Dante being inspired by the mosaic as he penned the "Inferno" section of his *Divine Comedy*.

Florence's two great museums, the *Accademia* and the Pitti Palace, are great meccas for lovers of Renaissance sculptures and paintings because they are filled with great works of art by Michelangelo, Raphael and other noted artisans.

Michelangelo's famous statue of David



This view from the *Villa Fattoria di Cinciano* in Poggibonsi, Italy, shows the beauty of the rolling Tuscan countryside dotted with trees, vineyards and olive tree groves.

is housed in a beautiful gallery in the *Accademia*.

Another prominent city in Tuscany is Siena. Like Florence, the view of Siena is dominated by its stunning medieval cathedral, covered on the exterior and interior with alternating rows of black and white marble.

The Church of San Domenico in Siena houses relics of the city's great saint, Catherine of Siena, who is also patroness of all of Italy.

Siena's Church of San Francesco is the site of a Eucharistic miracle. Consecrated hosts that date from 1730 remain in pristine condition.

Before leaving Siena, visitors should take some time to relax on its main square, the *Piazza del Campo*.

This large plaza is surrounded by tall apartment buildings that house shops and restaurants on their ground floors. It slopes downward to the *Palazzo Pubblico*, Siena's medieval town hall, which dominates the area with its tall clock tower.

Most of the time, visitors and residents of Siena will sit back and relax in the square, perhaps enjoying some delicious *gelato*—Italian ice cream—as I did when visiting Siena in 2006.

But on July 2 and Aug. 16 each year, the *Piazza del Campo* is packed with spectators for the city's centuries-old bareback horse race, the *Palio*.

Neighborhoods in the city sponsor horses, and the event is known for secret negotiations that begin well in advance. Residents of various neighborhoods team up to help each other or block their rivals' horses.

The riders' whips can be used on their competitors as well as on their own horses.

The race is preceded by a great medieval pageant with men in flowing, colorful costumes waving large, equally colorful flags that represent the neighborhoods.

If visitors to Tuscany happen to be in Siena on the day of the running of a *Palio*, they might want to escape the loud, bustling crowd gathered for the race by retreating to the quiet, hilltop town of San Gimignano.

An American tourist new to San Gimignano might be surprised when approaching the town because its skyline, which is medieval in origin, resembles in some ways a modern American

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Tourists and townspeople gather at Siena's *Piazza del Campo*, where its famous horse race, the *Palio*, is run twice a year. The Italian city's medieval town hall, the *Palazzo Pubblico*, dominates the plaza with its tall clock tower.

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city dominated by tall skyscrapers.

San Gimignano is home to some 14 tall towers built by families in the town during the Middle Ages. Much like large corporations of today, families back then sought to display their prestige by building towers on their homes that were bigger than their rivals.

Other Tuscan cities and towns at one time featured such towers, but most of these structures have been brought down through wars or other disasters.

Beauty will welcome you at every turn in Tuscany, and you will want to return again and again. †



These gilded bronze doors to the baptistry in front of Florence's cathedral, designed in 1329, are known as the "Gates of Paradise." Their panels portray the life of St. John the Baptist and eight virtues.



Above, alternating rows of black and white marble cover Siena's medieval cathedral, which also features an ornately carved ambo where Mass readings are proclaimed and homilies are delivered by priests.

Right, the façade of Florence's Duomo, or cathedral, is an example of the classic artistry produced in the city during the Renaissance in the 15th century.



FESTIVALS

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St. Michael Parish, 101 St. Michael Drive, **Charlestown**. September Fest, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., fried chicken dinner. Information: 765-832-8468.

St. Meinrad Parish, Community Center, 13150 E. County Road 1950 N., **St. Meinrad**. Fall Festival, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., food, games, quilts. Information: 812-357-5533.

September 24
St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish, 3856 Martin Road, **Floyds Knobs**. Dessert and card party, 7 p.m.-10 p.m., \$5 per person. Information: 812-923-3011.

September 27
St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, 4052 E. 38th St., **Indianapolis**. St. Andrew Fest, candlelight dinner, Mass, 4:30 p.m., dinner, 5:30 p.m. Information: 317-546-1571.

St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., **Indianapolis**. "Taste of St. Rita," 6 p.m.-10 p.m., food, silent auction, \$30 per person. Information: 317-632-9349.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1723 I St., **Bedford**. Oktoberfest, Polka Mass, 5 p.m., German dinner, 6 p.m., games. Information: 812-275-6539.

September 27-28
St. Philip Neri Parish, 550 N. Rural St., **Indianapolis**. Fall Dinner Theater, buffet dinner and play, Sat. 6 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m., \$25 per person. Information: 317-631-8746.

September 28
St. Michael Parish, 11400 Farmers Lane, N.E., **Bradford**. Parish festival, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., chicken dinner served, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., picnic, booths, games. Information: 812-364-6646.

St. Mark Parish, 5377 Acorn Road, **Tell City**. Parish festival and picnic,

11 a.m.-5 p.m., ham shoot, chili, quilts, games. Information: 812-836-2481.

Fayette County 4-H Fairgrounds, Expo Hall, **Connersville**. St. Gabriel Parish, Fall Festival, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., fried chicken dinner, games. Information: 765-825-8578.

October 3-5
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 5333 E. Washington St., **Indianapolis**. Fall Festival, Fri. 5 p.m.-11 p.m., Sat. 1 p.m.-11 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., food, rides, games, entertainment. Information: 317-356-7291.

October 4
St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 2222 E. Third St., **Bloomington**. Third and High Streets, Family Fun Day, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., games, food, music. Information: 812-336-5853.

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Raw power and beauty

Trip to Niagara Falls is one-of-a-kind vacation

By John Shaughnessy

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.—Try to picture this: a 63-year-old school teacher approaching Niagara Falls, carrying a barrel that she is determined to ride over the edge.

Imagine Annie Taylor looking at the height of the falls—about 170 feet high, which is also about the average depth of the river below the falls.

Now watch as she gets into the barrel and floats toward the raging waters. With frightening speed, the barrel and Taylor plummet over the edge of the falls and crash into the river. Three hours later, rescuers find Taylor.

Amazingly, she is alive, the first daredevil to ever go over the falls in a barrel.

The year is 1901.

While daredevils are mainly a part of the colorful past of Niagara Falls, people from around the world are still drawn by the breathtaking beauty and awe-inspiring fury of this natural wonder that spans one part of the border of Canada and the state of New York.

Last summer, my wife, Mary, and my daughter, Kathleen, and I joined the more than 11 million people from around the world who visit the Canadian side of Niagara Falls every year.

We arrived on a July morning when heavy gray clouds unleashed a relentless downpour on the area. We thought about leaving, continuing our journey toward Ottawa, Canada, but we decided to give the day a chance.

We were glad that we did, especially when the rain passed and we boarded the *Maid of the Mist*, a boat that takes its 600 passengers into the mouth of the falls. If there's a *must* way to experience Niagara Falls, this ride is definitely it.

The boat ride starts calmly, offering nice views of the Rainbow Bridge, the American Falls and the Bridal Veil Falls before turning toward the thunderous Horseshoe Falls.

Closer and closer, the boat slowly cuts through the water toward the fury inside the curve of the falls on the Canadian side. As passengers look up in awe at the raw power of Horseshoe Falls, the water crashing into the river covers the boat in a thick spray which overwhelms the thin royal-blue poncho that each passenger is given

before getting on the boat.

It creates a feeling of being drenched in exhilaration, a feeling that especially rushes through the passengers who stand huddled together in the front of the boat.

While the *Maid of the Mist* is the best way to experience the falls, there are alternatives.

There's a "Journey Behind the Falls" where people can descend 100 feet in elevators to walk through tunnels that show views of the falls or to stand on an open landing that provides the perfect setting for getting soaked, if that's the goal.

Then there's the "White Water Walk," a land path that enables people to get close to the falls and the raging waters that come from four of the five Great Lakes: Erie, Huron, Michigan and Superior. The walk also features a photo gallery of daredevils, including Annie Taylor.

Another interesting view comes from the Rainbow Bridge, one of the bridges in the area that connect the United States and Canada. People can drive, walk or bike across the bridge, and the bikers and walkers sometimes pause for photos by a marker that shows one of the borders of the two countries.

Then there's the view from the Skylon Tower. Rising 520 feet above the falls, the tower has places to eat and an observation desk that supposedly offers a view of 80 miles on a clear day.

Botanical gardens and a butterfly conservatory are other nature-related attractions in the area. So is the Bird Kingdom, which features more than 400 birds flying through a rainforest setting that has a 40-foot waterfall.

Then there are the rainbows. When we visited Niagara Falls, a day that began with seemingly no chance of sunshine in the early morning was brightened by the sun and blue skies within several hours, creating rainbow after rainbow in the mist of the 12,000-year-old falls.

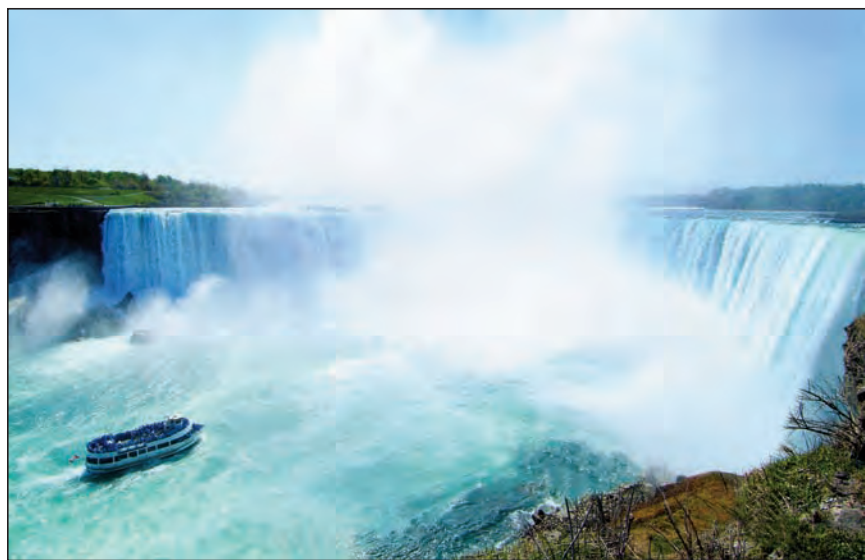
While the power and beauty of nature lure tourists to Niagara Falls, the area also reflects the commercialism that naturally comes when 11 million people a year need a place to stay, something to eat or other ways to be entertained after admiring one of the wonders of the world.

Indoor water parks, a haunted house, a casino, dinner theaters, souvenir shops, an IMAX theater and other attractions—including Guinness World Records and Ripley's Believe It or Not—are part of the landscape of Niagara Falls.

So are the efforts to keep the falls a tourist attraction late into the night. Throughout the year, the falls are illuminated in different colors every evening after sunset. From mid-May to late August, there are also concerts and fireworks displays on the nights



The raw power and beauty of Niagara Falls draws more than 11 million visitors each year to the natural wonder that bridges Canada and the United States.



Since the days of daredevils using barrels to ride over the edge of Niagara Falls has ended, the best way to experience this natural wonder is on the *Maid of the Mist*, a boat that takes its 600 passengers into the mouth of the falls.

of every Friday, Sunday and holiday.

On the day we visited, the nightly illumination of the falls was a major disappointment. Yet it didn't matter. Nearly a year later, the power and the beauty of the falls still linger in the mind.

It's one of those places—one of those adventures—that should be experienced.

American travelers heading to the Canadian side of Niagara Falls should be aware of the identification requirements for entering Canada.

If you are an American citizen, you do *not* need a passport to enter Canada when you are driving there. You *do* need a photo ID and some proof of your citizenship, such as a birth certificate or a certificate of citizenship or naturalization.

Valid identification is also needed for the children riding in your car. And if you are traveling with children who aren't part of your family, you need a signed consent form from their parent or guardian stating that you have the permission to do so.

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and touched, a visible remnant of the early life of the 16th president of the United States, who was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth on April 14, 1865, shortly after the end of the Civil War.

The 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth is Feb. 12, 2009. Indiana's two-year birthday celebration for "Honest Abe" began on Feb. 12, 2008, and concludes on Feb. 12, 2010.

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"In human culture is the preservation of wildness."

— Wendell Berry

While I admired yellow sundrops blooming along the roadside, my husband, John, kept an eye peeled for a serious cup of coffee.

As we drove toward Harmonie State Park, skirting Evansville, we resisted the temptation to hunt down a coffee shop and eventually found a decent cup of java at New Harmony's excellent Red

Geranium Restaurant.

Harmonie State Park is quite large, covering 3,465 acres. Its boundary bisects the middle of the Wabash River, where it meets the Illinois state line. By road, Illinois is 10 minutes away.

The park boasts a boat ramp, a swimming pool, nature center, cabins, campsites, picnic shelters, fishing, horse trails, bicycle trails and wildlife ponds.

Not being campers, we stayed at New Harmony Inn in the historic town located four miles north of the state park. This was the best of both worlds: wilderness and air conditioning.

Historic New Harmony appeals equally to those in search of history, a spiritual retreat or simply a great meal.

George Rapp founded the town in 1814 as a utopian experiment for German immigrants fleeing religious oppression. When the community failed, he sold the town to Scotsman Robert Owen in 1824.

Owen sought to establish an ideal, although secular, society. He organized the state's first free public school and library to provide equal education for boys and girls as well as America's first kindergarten.

The Workingmen's Institute, established in 1838 by industrialist William McClure, is the state's oldest continuously operating public library. It also serves as a museum and art gallery.

A reconstructed Rappite log cabin village stands in stark contrast to the modernistic visitor's center, the Atheneum, which offers guided walking tours. Golf carts can be rented, but we enjoyed meandering on foot, peering into gardens and reading carved inscriptions on walls.

The town is famous for its non-denominational Roofless Church, a walled garden anchored by a scalloped canopy over a large sculpture of the "Descent of the Holy Spirit."

New Harmony has two labyrinths. The

Photos by Patricia Happel Cornwell



On a warm weekend at O'Bannon Woods State Park, volunteer Ralph Jackson shows young visitors how to use a pioneer-style, cross-cut saw to cut a log.

Harmonist Labyrinth is a boxwood maze leading to a tiny stone chapel, and the Cathedral Labyrinth is a rose granite replica of the one at the renowned Chartres Cathedral in Paris.

New Harmony is a quiet, charming town. It has three bed-and-breakfast inns and a handful of shops offering antiques, pottery, stained-glass and more, but it is not overly commercial.

The 89-room New Harmony Inn sits on 125 acres with a conference facility and covered swimming pool.

A pine thicket is dedicated to 20th-century theologian Paul Tillich, whose ashes are buried there. The banks of the inn's lake and a grove called "Our Lord's Woods" feature original religious sculptures, including two of St. Francis of Assisi.

(Patricia Happel Cornwell of Corydon is a correspondent for The Criterion.) †



St. Mary's parishioner Mark Rockner of Lanesville is the volunteer blacksmith at O'Bannon Woods State Park. His wife and children also volunteer at the park.

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Get back to nature

Outdoor activities abound in Bloomington area

By Mike Krokos

With apologies to new head basketball coach Tom Crean, head football coach Bill Lynch and anyone else associated with Indiana University, there is a lot more to Bloomington than the college and its athletic programs.

Just ask anyone who has spent a warm spring, summer or fall day water-skiing, boating, swimming or fishing at nearby Lake Monroe, or people who have taken advantage of other recreational activities like camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, snow skiing and snowboarding in the area.

If you're into extreme sports, Bloomington can be a recreation destination for you, too. The greater Bloomington area offers opportunities for rafting, kayaking, rock climbing, skydiving and even caving.

Pick almost any time of the year, and there is something recreational to do in or around Bloomington.

As one popular outdoor Web site at www.hikercentral.com explains, if you live in or near Bloomington and you like the outdoors then you're in luck.

Another tourism Web site, www.visitbloomington.com, also touts Bloomington as a great place for outdoor excursions. It cites the area's abundance of natural beauty and its three lakes, the state's only national forest, and its variety of city and county parks.

For Hoosiers hoping that the area's compatibility for outdoor adventure can remain a well-kept secret among Indiana residents, that is no longer a possibility.

Recent recognition that Bloomington received from *National Geographic Adventure Magazine* supports a high rate of visits for outdoor recreational purposes, according to Tosha Daugherty, director of marketing and communications for the Bloomington/Monroe County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"In 2007, we were recognized as one of the top 50 adventure towns in the country [by the magazine]," Daugherty said in a recent e-mail interview.

She said visitors account for more than \$258 million in economic impact to the Bloomington area each year.

"Nearly 65 percent of those visitors are on a 'short trip' of one to three nights in length," Daugherty explained. "Another 11 percent were on a longer vacation. About 40 percent of visitors to the Bloomington area are on their first trip to the area, with the remaining 60 percent being repeat visitors [many with a connection to Indiana University]. Overall, visitors to the area have taken an average of four trips to the Bloomington area per year."

This abbreviated list features some of the things that make the Bloomington area a recreational haven for people who love to be outside:

- Lake Monroe, a man-made reservoir just southeast of

Photos courtesy Monroe County Convention and Visitors Bureau



The beauty of southern Indiana's colorful fall foliage surrounds Lake Monroe and two kayakers paddling across the reservoir in southern Indiana. Tourists can go on a kayak ecotour to explore the far reaches of Lake Monroe and its wildlife.

Bloomington, is the largest lake in Indiana.

Boats with water-skiers in tow are a common sight this time of year as people of all ages take advantage of the warmer temperatures to enjoy the outdoors.

You will also see fishermen casting their lines, and kayakers getting a good workout in the water. Swimmers are no strangers to the water this time of year, too.

Camping is available at private, state and federal campsites or at nearby private campgrounds. Boat rental companies, bait shops and two resorts are located on the lake's shores.

Several state recreation areas provide visitor information, nature centers and picnicking options. The Interpretive Nature Center is located at the Paynetown State Recreation Area. For more information, call 812-837-9546 or 812-837-9967.

• Griffy Lake Nature Preserve is a 1,200-acre protected wetlands area located just minutes from downtown Bloomington and the Indiana University campus.

Originally designed to supply the city with drinking water, Griffy Lake is now a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. The lake is 109 acres and has an average depth of 10 feet.

Great hiking is available on several moderately difficult trails that wind through the wooded ridges and ravines around the lake.

Rent a canoe, kayak, rowboat or launch your own boat. Fishing is another option, but no swimming is allowed at Griffy Lake. Call 812-349-3700 for rental and boat-launching information. Boats with gas-powered motors are not allowed on the lake. Privately owned boats may be launched from the ramp located near the boathouse for a small fee.

• Hoosier National Forest is just off State Road 446 in Bloomington. This 200,000-acre national forest encompasses nine counties in southcentral Indiana.

There are more than 230 miles of hiking, horseback and mountain-biking trails in the forest. Trails vary in difficulty and length.

Campgrounds are located adjacent to large lakes, and in conjunction with some trail systems. Five private horse camps are located adjacent to the forest. Call 812-275-5987 for more information.

- Bluespring Caverns Park, located on

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• Annual events like the Hilly Hundred Bicycle Tour draw thousands of people to the Bloomington area each fall, Daugherty noted, adding that these special recreational activities bring “between 4,500 to 5,000 people to the area.”

Sponsored by the Central Indiana Bicycling Association Inc. and based in nearby Ellettsville, the 41st annual race will be held on Oct. 17-19. For more information, call 317-767-7765 or log on to www.cibaride.org.

(To learn more ways to enjoy outdoor activities in and around the Bloomington area, log on to www.visitbloomington.com or call the Bloomington/Monroe County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 812-330-4303.) †



Several public beaches on Lake Monroe are available for recreation. This beach is located at the Paynetown State Recreation Area on the east side of the reservoir. Paynetown State Recreation Area also features campgrounds, boat ramps, boat rental, the lake's Nature Center and picnic areas.

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By John F. Fink

The last time I tried to count them, I figured that I have traveled to 61 different countries—some numerous times.

I did much of my traveling from 1974 to 1986 when I was vice president for six years then president for six years of the International Federation of Catholic Press Associations.

Then, while I was editor of *The Criterion* from 1984 to 1996, my wife, Marie, and I led tours sponsored by this newspaper to the Holy Land, China, the Soviet Union and European countries.

With all the traveling that I've done over the years, I was late in appreciating the benefits of cruises.

The first cruise we took was at the end of a trip to the Holy Land when we cruised from Haifa, Israel, to Athens, Greece, stopping at Ephesus and Patmos. Later, during another trip sponsored by *The Criterion*, we included the Greek Isles in our trip to Greece.

What's wonderful about cruises is that your hotel room travels with you. You can unpack your luggage once instead of living out of a suitcase, packing and unpacking every day. You avoid those tiring and onerous bus trips since the cruise ship takes you from city to city. Most of the cruise ships offer all the amenities of luxury hotels—fabulous dining, entertainment, sometimes a swimming pool, on-board lectures and more.

Besides the sea-going cruise ships, I recently discovered the pleasure of riverboat cruises.

Three years ago, I enjoyed a cruise on the Yangtze River in China. Two years ago, I went on a cruise on the Nile River in Egypt, stopping to see the ruins of many ancient Egyptian temples.

Last year, we cruised on the Danube River in Europe, stopping to visit Budapest and Estergom in Hungary;

Submitted photo/Bill Heck



Bratislava, Slovakia; Vienna, the Benedictine Abbey at Melk and Linz in Austria; and Prague in the Czech Republic. It sure beat traveling by bus to those places.

Cruise ships are available on many of Europe's rivers—the Danube, Rhine, Mosel and others. These ships aren't as

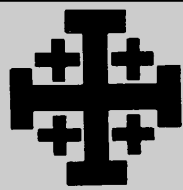
The *Europa* cruise ship is docked on the banks of the beautiful Blue Danube River in Budapest, Hungary. Most sea-going cruise ships offer all the amenities of luxury hotels—fabulous dining, entertainment, sometimes a swimming pool, on-board lectures and more. Cruise ships are available on many of Europe's rivers—the Danube, Rhine, Mosel and others. These ships aren't as large as the luxury liners.

large as the luxury liners. The one we took last year could accommodate 144 passengers. It didn't have a theater, pool, multiple restaurants or top-quality entertainment, but it navigated the river just fine.

Some people prefer the large ships because of all the extra amenities they offer, while others like the intimacy of smaller ships. I can't honestly choose one cruise ship over the other.

A cruise to Alaska has become a favorite for many people. Sometimes the cruise is combined with air travel

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either to or from Denali National Park, but the one we took began and ended in Vancouver, Canada, and visited Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway. At Ketchikan, we flew in a small sea plane among the Misty Fjords and landed on a lake. At Juneau, we took a helicopter to the top of the glacier there. At Skagway, we took a train up a mountain as gold-seekers once did trying to get to the Yukon.

People take cruises to Alaska only during the summer. Therefore, many of those ships spend the winter in the Caribbean. One year, we caught one of those ships at Los Angeles and traveled with it to three stops along Mexico's western coast, to Costa Rica, through the Panama Canal, then on to Cartagena, Columbia, as well as Aruba and Jamaica.

Another fascinating cruise we enjoyed was along the Yucatan Peninsula—the eastern coast of Mexico, Belize, Guatemala and Honduras—where we explored Mayan ruins. We rode in small boats on a river through the jungles of Belize, took a plane to fly into the interior of Guatemala, and a long bus ride in Honduras—all to the intriguing historical ruins of the Mayans, who lived there from before the time of Christ through about 900 A.D.

Perhaps the most popular cruises, at least in this hemisphere, are to the islands in the Caribbean. We did that with one of our daughters and her family, starting and ending in Puerto Rico and visiting Barbados, St. Lucia, Saint Martin, the British Virgin Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

It's hard not to have a good time on cruises in the Caribbean. We usually hired a taxi driver to show us around the various islands, although we rented a car once and took our own tour. Generally, it's best to hire a taxi driver.

One of the challenges that people on cruises often face is the problem of getting to Mass on Sundays. Of course, that's no problem at all if you happen to be traveling with a priest who has brought along a Mass kit. Otherwise, the situation varies considerably.

Some cruise ships have Catholic chaplains, usually retired priests who are given free cruises in return for saying Mass for the passengers, usually in the ship's theater. The most notable of these priests undoubtedly were Holy Cross Fathers Theodore Hesburgh and Ned Joyce, who served as chaplains on Cunard Lines' *Queen Elizabeth 2* on a three-month cruise around the world in 1988 after their retirements as president and executive vice president of the University of Notre Dame.

I've never sailed on the *QE2*, but I've found Catholic

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An ornate gate features dramatic sculptures that appear to guard a castle outside Prague in the Czech Republic as tourists gather for photographs.

chaplains on other cruise ships. When there is one, I introduce myself and usually end up as his sacristan, lector, altar server and extraordinary minister of holy Communion at his Masses. These chaplains also say weekday Masses at different times, depending on the day's schedule of sightseeing.

When there is no chaplain, you have to find a Mass on one of the scheduled stops, and that adds enjoyment to your cruise experiences. When we found Mass in a church on the island of Rhodes, the pastor asked me to read the Mass readings in English, which I was glad to do.

The church we found in Juneau, Alaska, had a magnificent view of the mountains behind the altar.

Europe has many Catholic churches, of course, but fewer Masses than we have in the U.S. Last year, Marie and I went to Sunday Mass at St. Martin's Cathedral in Bratislava, Slovakia, which has been the coronation church of the kings and queens of Hungary for more than 250 years. The Mass was celebrated in the Slovakian language. I had read the readings before we went to Mass

so I knew what they were. That didn't help, though, when it came to the homily.

There are occasions when it's simply impossible to get to Mass. That happened two years ago during our cruise on the Nile River in Egypt. In that case, the best I could do was to organize a prayer service in the ship's lounge for Christians who wanted to pray with us. Fortunately, I had brought along a *Missalette*.

I haven't done an Amazon River cruise yet or a small boat cruise in the Galapagos Islands. Who knows? That might happen sometime in the future since I love to travel to new places by land, air and sea.

(John F. Fink is editor emeritus of The Criterion.) †



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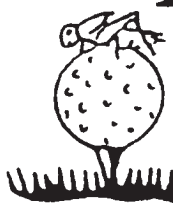
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Zoo celebrates 20 years

Koalas get summer vacation at Indianapolis Zoo

By Mary Ann Wyand

What's new at the Indianapolis Zoo?

Two male koalas native to Australia and on loan from the San Diego Zoo flew from California to Indianapolis on a passenger—not cargo—flight on May 13, and are settling into their temporary home at the world-class zoo in White River State Park.

Bamba and Coombah traveled with a zoologist and received special airline accommodations with their cages strapped to passenger seats to minimize stress, according to Judith Gagan, the zoo's director of communications.

Do koalas experience jet lag?

They sleep 18 hours or more a day, Gagan said, so probably took a long nap during the flight. They only eat eucalyptus—which is low in nutrition—so they tire easily.

Since 2000, koalas have been protected as a threatened species under the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

Gagan said the Queensland koalas will meet the public in Indianapolis for the first time on May 24 as part of the zoo's 20th anniversary celebration, which begins with the start of the summer season on Memorial Day weekend.

With 3,800 animals representing 320 species, there are always new babies and updated exhibits at the zoo, located at 1200 W. Washington St. near downtown Indianapolis.

Like Australian kangaroos, koalas are marsupials and have a pouch to carry their babies, Gagan said. Originally from the Australian Outback, they have cute faces and resemble Teddy bears, but also have very sharp claws.

She said it's been 13 years since koalas lived at the zoo.

If you want to watch the koalas climb trees and dine on eucalyptus leaves, visit the Forests Biome at the zoo this summer, Gagan said, because Bamba and Coombah will return to San Diego on Labor Day, which is on Sept. 1 this year.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Indianapolis Zoo's 20th anniversary celebration on June 11, which commemorates two decades at White River State Park, Gagan said. On that day, zoo visitors will be able to buy admission tickets at the 1988 prices of \$7 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children—a considerable savings from the zoo's current admission fees of \$13.50 for adults and \$8.50 for seniors and children.

And don't forget to say hello to the koalas. †



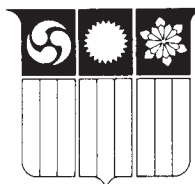
A koala perches in a tree at the San Diego Zoo in southern California. Two of their male koalas are on loan to the Indianapolis Zoo until Labor Day. Koalas are marsupials—like the kangaroo, wombat and opossum—not bears. Baby koalas are called "joeys." Zoo staff members will order weekly shipments of eucalyptus from Florida and Arizona to feed the koalas this summer. For more information, log on to www.indianapoliszoo.com.



Meerkats first gained fame in the Walt Disney film *The Lion King* then the Animal Planet Channel's "Meerkat Manor" series. They are very social and entertaining for zoo visitors. Zoo admission also covers entrance to the adjacent White River Gardens, which is featuring its popular butterfly exhibit in the Hibert Conservatory until Labor Day.



A moray eel swims in a tank in the zoo's recently renovated Oceans exhibit. They grow as long as five feet and secrete a coating of yellow slime to protect their blue skin, which sometimes makes them appear to be lime green.



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A day for prayers

Shelby County parish remembers founding pastor each Memorial Day

By Mary Ann Wyand

SHELBY COUNTY— Each May on the Sunday closest to Memorial Day, St. Vincent de Paul parishioners in Shelby County remember their founding pastor with prayers at his grave in the parish cemetery.

After the Sunday Mass, parishioners process outside to the historic, immaculately kept cemetery behind the brick church to pray for Father Vincent Bacquelin, a French-born priest who was the first resident pastor of this rural parish founded by immigrant farm families in 1837.

Two years after Father Bacquelin arrived in Indiana, the parishioners completed a small, frame church that they dedicated to St. Vincent de Paul.

But tragedy struck the parish a few years later with the death of their pastor.

Just a decade after the French priest emigrated from France to the United States then journeyed from Emmitsburg, Md., to serve God and the Church in Indiana, he was killed in a freak riding accident on his way back to the parish after visiting a sick parishioner.

Father Bacquelin died on Sept. 2, 1846, in Rush County of massive head injuries after a bee stung his horse and he was thrown into a tree.

In the early 1920s, St. Vincent de Paul parishioners had to deal with another unexpected tragedy when an arson fire destroyed their church and everything in it.

Resolutely, they faithfully shouldered the task of rebuilding their beloved church.

Today, the country church with its tall spire serves as a beacon of faith adjacent to Interstate 74 in Shelby County.

St. Vincent de Paul parishioners take pride in their church and work hard to maintain the parish property, Father Paul Landwerlen, the pastor for 12 years, explained in a recent phone interview.

"We have a lot of history here," Father Landwerlen said. "People in the parish take pride in keeping the place up as volunteers." †



Photos by Mary Ann Wyand



Above, the American flag flies near the crucifix in the cemetery at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Shelby County. During Memorial Day weekend liturgies, Catholics remember deceased loved ones and veterans who died in service to our country.

Left, St. Vincent de Paul parishioner J. J. Jones of Shelbyville mows the grass between the tombstones in the historic Shelby County cemetery. Burying the dead is one of the Church's corporal works of mercy.

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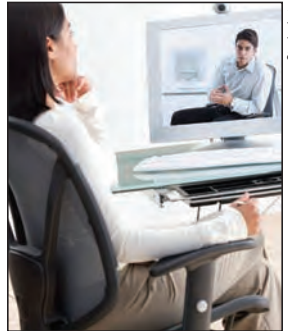
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Archdiocese of Indianapolis sues Facebook over phony Web page

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is suing the online social networking site Facebook to learn the identity of the person who developed a phony Facebook page that targeted a high school administrator by using his name without his permission.



The suit was filed on May 9 on behalf of Tim Puntarelli, dean of students at the archdiocesan-run Roncalli High School in Indianapolis.

Archdiocesan spokesman Greg Otolski told Catholic News Service on May 15 that the suit was filed after Facebook failed to turn over information about who established the Web page and sent inappropriate messages to students.

Facebook, based in Palo Alto, Calif., allows users to communicate with friends, fellow students, co-workers and others. Users can post photos and messages on individual Web pages.

The phony Web page's anonymous developers must be identified in order for the archdiocese to determine if additional legal action is required to protect and restore Puntarelli's reputation, Otolski said.

"One of the reasons we want to see who did it is to decide how we would proceed," Otolski said. Archdiocesan officials want to know "if it's kids who thought it was a practical joke

and didn't realize the seriousness of it, or if it was someone who had it out for him to ruin his reputation and ruin his career."

The Web page was discovered on April 18 and was taken down within two days after the school's technology director contacted Facebook, according to the complaint filed in Marion County Superior Court in Indianapolis.

The suit alleges that the user, identified only through an e-mail address as mclovenjesus@yahoo.com, created a profile for Puntarelli and defamed him through photos and inappropriate messages sent to Roncalli High School students. The postings included invitations to 31 students to become Puntarelli's "Facebook Friends," and a message suggesting that Puntarelli may take disciplinary action and/or administer a drug test to a student, the suit said.

The complaint also alleges that the user transmitted false and misleading messages about the archdiocese.

"We're not looking to infringe upon anybody's First Amendment rights in any kind of way," Otolski said. "But I don't think in this case he's a public figure. He's not somebody who would be well known to a large group of people."

The court issued a temporary restraining order on May 9 preventing Facebook from destroying information regarding the identity of the Web page's creator.

"We're still talking with Facebook's lawyers, and we're still hoping that Facebook will give us the information we need to identify the creator of the page," Otolski told CNS.

Facebook declined to comment on the case. †

San Francisco bishop decries court ruling striking down ban on gay marriage

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS)—Archbishop George H. Niederauer of San Francisco condemned the May 15 ruling by the California Supreme Court that struck down the state's ban on same-sex marriage.



Archbishop George H. Niederauer

In a statement released shortly after the ruling, Archbishop Niederauer said Catholic teaching on marriage is clear and based on the teaching of Jesus Christ, who said God "made them male and female," and "for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife."

"At a moment in our society when we need to reinforce the strength of marriage and family, this decision of the Supreme Court takes California in the opposite direction," he said.

Several gay and lesbian couples joined the city of San Francisco and gay rights groups to sue the state government to overturn the ban on same-sex marriage.

The 4-3 ruling—which said that domestic partnerships currently recognized by the state are an inadequate substitute for marriage—would make California the second state after Massachusetts to allow same-sex couples to wed.

Opponents said they would fight the ruling. The court's order was to become final in 30 days.

Catholic groups and others are supporting efforts to put a measure on the Nov. 4 ballot to define marriage as between a man and a woman. †



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Scripture enables Christians to walk in footsteps of St. Paul

By Fr. Herbert Weber

When I was asked by my bishop to found a new parish three years ago, I read the Acts of the Apostles—which follow the Gospels in the New Testament—for possible insights about how best to establish a new church congregation.

Since it was shortly after Easter and Acts is a staple for that liturgical season, I soon found myself immersed in the travels and challenges faced by St. Paul the Apostle as he sought to share the teachings of Jesus with people living in many communities and countries.

The members of all faith communities can learn from Paul's efforts. Long-established parishes and new congregations alike need to see themselves as evangelists, enthusiastic about sharing the message of Jesus and willing to take a journey of faith.

Only one time in my priesthood have I encountered an American adult who had never heard of Jesus Christ. After following the Stations of the Cross around the church, that person pointed to the image of Christ and asked me, "Who was that man and why did they do that to him?"

It would be a mistake to assume today that people already know the fullness of the Gospel message.

Many Christians, in fact, have trouble understanding the significance of Jesus' life and his death, much less know how it affects them in a secular world.

Consequently, imitating Paul is necessary as a tool of evangelization.

Those who follow the footsteps and the spirit of St. Paul can begin with the road to Damascus.

For Saul, this journey provided a conversion experience, a direct encounter with the Lord. In the flash of a light, Saul received a new beginning, which is symbolized by his new name, Paul.

All evangelization begins with one's own encounter with the risen Lord.

People don't usually see a blinding light. But there has to be an awareness of the Spirit's activity in their lives, calling them to something important and unique.

When our parish was barely six months old, I introduced the concept of small faith-sharing groups. With concentrated periods of weekly Scripture study and sharing, these groups are one of the ways that we provide people with faith encounters in daily life.

Other faith-sharing opportunities at our parish include weekend retreats, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process, a family-inclusive faith formation program and, of course, the Sunday liturgy throughout the Church year.

The goal of all these activities is to provide a setting in which people may experience the movement of the Holy Spirit. Put in another way, before Paul was able to preach to others, his own faith had to be enflamed.

Paul spent time with the Christian community before beginning his great missionary journeys. He became immersed in their prayer and faith traditions by sharing their way of life.

When I was growing up, I often heard from various religion teachers that good Catholics don't have to

preach because they can lead by giving a good example. I was told that practicing their faith and living their morals will speak loudly to the people around them.

After more than 30 years as a priest, I no longer believe that is enough. People need to speak about their faith and be willing to express their beliefs to others.

For those who want to follow St. Paul's footsteps, doing this will be one of the biggest challenges.

Sharing one's faith is not the same as talking about church events or parish politics. It involves going deeper and expressing the core of one's beliefs, that which gives direction and purpose. It centers on a relationship with the Lord.

Many Catholics feel their faith stories are so private that they don't know how to share them with others even if they want to do that.

I have been teaching people how to talk about their faith. Paradoxically, it begins with listening and not talking.

As other people enter into conversations of trust and start to focus on what matters to them, the listeners try to concentrate on their own longings and hopes, finding answers to their own longings, too.

The word "preaching" has many negative connotations, but this kind of dialoguing is how the modern-day Paul would preach. And it is consistent with what Paul did in Athens when he addressed the crowd regarding the altar to the Unknown God (Acts 17:22-31).

Noting that Athenians were religious and had a place even for the God they had not yet discovered, Paul spoke about their deep desire to know this God. He used their anonymous longing as a way to share his story about Christ.

Another aspect of Paul's ministry that relates to today's congregations can be found in his First Letter to the Corinthians.

Aware that the Church at Corinth was conscious of the gifts of each of its members, Paul was also troubled because there was divisiveness and competition among the people.

Using the analogy of the body with many parts (1 Cor 12), Paul emphasized unity and the use of each gift for the good of all.

As contemporary congregations seek to help each member of the parish grow in faith, they often use gift-discernment processes.

When parishioners discover their talents to be used in service of the community, they usually become more engaged in the Church. With that, their faith grows and they, too, are evangelized.

Paul's work of evangelizing took place nearly 2,000 years ago, yet the process of discovering faith, sharing it and enlightening others still goes on as Christians continue to share the Good News of the Gospel messages in daily life.

(Father Herbert Weber is the founding pastor of Blessed John XXIII Parish in Perrysburg, Ohio.) †



This stained-glass image depicting the conversion of St. Paul the Apostle is one of the windows at the Brunswick Street United Church in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Discussion Point

St. Paul tirelessly spread the Gospel

This Week's Question

Is there a concrete way that St. Paul the Apostle's life can serve as an inspiration for people today?

"His struggles, [but despite them] he always kept the faith and shared it with others as best as he could. That's a good lesson for us today." (Colette Courtemanche, Skowhegan, Maine)

"You have to respect his determination and willingness to compromise some of his views of others in order to spread the Gospel. He had a temper and an agenda, and he had to learn to build bridges." (John Dubosh, Dearborn, Mich.)

"The man was so deeply touched by his conversion that it changed his life in every dimension. He took the call to become a disciple so seriously." (John Gohman, Palm Harbor, Fla.)

"After meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus, [St. Paul] became a totally different person. ... There is no one, no matter how deeply ... embedded in a sinful life that cannot be changed by encountering Christ." (Pat Pose, Mobile, Ala.)

"During these troubled times, St. Paul assures us [that] we must walk by faith and not by sight." (Constance J. Servizio, Beverly, Mass.)

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Biblical women: Prisca, Paul's collaborator

(Forty-first in a series)

I conclude this series of columns with Priscilla as she is called in the Acts of the Apostles, or Prisca, as St. Paul called her more familiarly in his letters. Other women are named in some of Paul's letters, but we don't know much about them.

Prisca was Paul's closest female collaborator. He first met her and her husband, Aquila, when he went to Corinth, Greece. Prisca and Aquila weren't Paul's converts though. They had already become Christians in Rome, but we don't know when or how.

We do know, though, that they left Rome in the year 41 when Emperor Claudius expelled the Jews from Rome because of disturbances among the Jews "at the instigation of Chrestos," according to the Roman historian Suetonius. This apparently meant disagreement over the Messiahship of Jesus.

Like Paul, Prisca and Aquila were



tentmakers. When Paul arrived in Corinth, he went job hunting. Prisca and Aquila hired him. Imagine their surprise when Paul began to preach about Jesus and they realized that they had the same beliefs. Prisca and Aquila's home soon became a gathering place for the Christians that Paul converted in Corinth.

Paul remained in Corinth for 18 months before moving on. He took Prisca and Aquila with him to Ephesus and left them there to establish a Christian community while he continued on to Macedonia.

Paul was expecting a lot since Prisca and Aquila had to abandon the business they had started in Corinth and start anew in Ephesus. But when Paul returned to Ephesus a year later, he found a thriving Church.

While Paul was gone, Apollos arrived in Ephesus. He was a Jew from Alexandria who had learned about Jesus. He preached about him in the synagogue, but he knew only about the baptism of John. Prisca and Aquila took him aside and explained things more accurately. When Apollos decided that he wanted to go to Corinth, they wrote letters to their friends there to welcome him.

Prisca and Aquila were doing fine in Ephesus, but Paul decided to uproot them

again. This time, Paul wanted them to return to Rome as his advance team to make him known to the Roman Christians before he went there. This was the year 54, a full 13 years since Claudius had expelled the Jews, so it was safe for them to return. They probably were happy to be returning home.

Paul was planning to write a letter to the Romans before he went to Rome, and he wanted it to be a personal letter. He asked Prisca and Aquila to give him the names of some of the leading Christians so he could include them in the letter. They did and Paul's letter mentions 24 individuals by name.

Of course, Paul didn't get to Rome until much later than he expected, probably the year 60. Before going to Rome, he took a collection to Jerusalem, where he was arrested and spent three years in prison.

We don't know what happened to Prisca and Aquila after Paul's execution.

(This series on biblical women has been published in book form by Alba House. Biblical Women can be ordered by calling 800-343-2522 [ALBA] or on the Web at www.stpauls.us, or through Amazon.com. The price is \$9.95 plus shipping.) †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

What should motherhood really mean?

At present, I am reading a novel called *The Ten Year Nap* by Meg Wolitzer. It's a fictionalized account of a woman who left



the work force to have a baby and never returned to it, based on the author's own experience. It's an interesting and informative account of a culture somewhat foreign to a woman of my generation.

The principal character's mother was an early advocate of the feminist movement when it appeared during the mother's middle age. She was involved in consciousness-raising sessions and empowerment seminars, while her rather passive husband lived a separate life in the same house.

Her three teenage daughters fended for themselves and felt they had lost the attention and nurturing they formerly had been given. But, as women themselves, they wanted to support their mother in seeking women's rights. They dutifully fulfilled the mother's ambition for them to be educated, professional women who expected to make their own way in the world.

Amy, the book's protagonist, becomes a

lawyer and meets her lawyer husband in the law firm where they both work. She likes her work well enough, but is not passionate about it or even about the law. She studied law because she was a bright student and it seemed to offer good opportunities.

When Amy becomes pregnant, she and her husband agree that she will return to the office as soon as her maternity leave is over. They live in New York in an expensive apartment geared to their upwardly mobile lifestyle, as all their friends do, and they need both incomes to pay their bills.

Here's where the real story begins because Amy simply can't bear to leave her little boy when her maternity leave ends. She becomes a "stay-at-home mom," a description that she despises, and the novel begins when her child is 10 years old. Hence, the 10-year "nap."

Amy meets other mothers who have given up their professions to stay home with their kids. Only one or two seem to miss their jobs, and most of them volunteer at the private school that their children all attend. One sends out résumés and attends job interviews dressed up in her professional clothing. Apparently, it's just for the fun of describing these meetings to her friends over their daily coffee sessions.

Some of the mothers still work as

scientists or museum directors or whatever, and are treated with a mixture of envy and disdain by Amy and her friends. The novel offers the entire gamut of arguments for and against staying home with kids while the family is supported by a working husband.

Speaking from my own experience, some of these ideas seem false. Although there were many days when I longed for an adult conversation and a diet not limited to macaroni and cheese, I never felt thwarted professionally. I considered raising healthy, functional children to be my profession for a time. As I'm fond of saying, I believe women can have it all, just not all at once.

Amy's mom was in the first generation of women to realize that not only could they have both fulfillments, but also should have the right to do so. Amy's age group tries to figure out how to make it work, not always with success or without threatening a marriage.

Motherhood is not the only satisfying aspect of a woman's life, but for a few years it should be given the most attention. Cheerfully, I'm grateful I raised kids at a time when most people understood that.

(Cynthia Dewes, a member of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.) †

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Winging our way toward meditation with birds

Recently, one very chilly morning before the sun rose, my husband and I headed to the car to drive to our three-morning-a-week exercise regimen at a nearby fitness center.



I stopped to listen to birds "tweet-tweet-tweeting" so beautifully. Of course, we couldn't see them in the dark, but Paul was sure that these distinctive calls were

from male cardinals.

Neither of us are bird experts. Mostly, what we know is what we have learned when visiting my sister and her husband in Belleville, Ill., because they have a small bird and wildlife refuge around their home. It's delightful to listen to and view God's critters from their quiet deck.

Shortly after hearing the cardinals tweeting in the early-morn darkness, a publisher sent me a copy of *Under His Wings: Devotionals for Bird Lovers* by Nancy Rose Wissinger.

Wissinger is "a country girl from central Illinois," mother and grandmother. She and

her husband now reside in Townsend, Del. She is a retired elementary school teacher and speaker for Stonecroft Ministries. She enjoys classical music, college basketball and collecting bird nests.

Collecting bird nests? What memories that brought to me! An Academy of Notre Dame high school friend, Judy, and I—after a suggestion from our science teacher, Notre Dame Sister Mary Joecile—decided to collect old and vacated birds' nests for a science fair project.

I began reading Wissinger's book from Pleasant Word, a division of Winepress Publishing Group (www.winepressgroup.com), and savored the book slowly.

Each of the author's observations on birds is accompanied by an appropriate Bible verse followed by a constructive suggestion and a prayer.

I have learned more about birds from this book than any other text I have read. That's because the focus is not limited to the facts. The author shares in such personal and pleasant ways.

Wissinger writes from such a heartfelt

admiration for God's fine-feathered creatures that I consistently found myself smiling.

Yet, fascinating facts answer questions like these: What bird can circle the globe in 20 weeks of flying? Who wrote an opera based on a stealing bird? Why does the redheaded woodpecker cry, "Cheat, cheat"? What bird encouraged Christopher Columbus and his men to stop sailing? Why is Shakespeare to blame for starlings arriving in the United States?

Wissinger's observations, facts, wisdom and 105 devotionals demonstrate God's love for us through birds. She stresses how God is protective and cares about the details in our lives, and how God wants our attention and provides for our needs.

Perhaps a sequel to *Under His Wings* is in order. Not only is the book wonderful for adults, but through it parents can teach their children how to learn more about God's love through his winged creatures and other wildlife.

(Shirley Vogler Meister, a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.) †

For the Journey/Effie Caldarola

A politician who lives her truth

In a country where politicians spout a lot of pro-life rhetoric to gain votes but don't always follow up, it's so refreshing to meet a politician who lives her truth.



Let me begin by introducing the governor of Alaska, my state.

Alaskans have a love affair going with their governor. Sarah Palin, a former "Miss Wasilla" who later became mayor of her

little town of Wasilla, has enjoyed an unbelievable 82 percent favorable rating in the polls as governor.

What politician can match that?

With an appealing personality and a handsome husband who calls himself "the First Dude," the Republican governor has even been mentioned as a running mate for John McCain. An Alaskan who knows how to clean fish as well as catch them, she's "hot" enough to have landed a fashion spread in *Vogue*.

This small-town girl was elected by catching an anti-corruption wave that rolled across the state and carried her straight to the governor's mansion. In a wealth of embarrassment for Alaska, state legislators have been convicted of bribery, and two of the three members of our congressional delegation are under federal investigation.

Palin based her campaign on honesty and transparency, and that's what Alaskans craved.

I confess her lack of experience discouraged my vote. But do I like her? As the saying goes: What's not to like?

Now I like Sarah Palin a whole lot more.

Over a month ago, her office announced that the 44-year-old and her husband, Todd, would be expecting their fifth child in May. It was a secret that the beguiling brunette, a runner, managed to keep from even her staff.

Then, on April 18, she surprised us again by giving birth a month early to Trig Palin, 6 pounds, 2 ounces. In true Sarah fashion, her amniotic fluid leaked in Texas, but she gave a speech at a Republican Governors Association convention as scheduled anyway then returned to Alaska to deliver her baby.

Immediately, the family made this announcement: "Trig is beautiful and already adored by us. We knew through early testing he would face special challenges, and we feel privileged that God would entrust us with this gift and allow us unspeakable joy as he entered our lives."

Trig Palin has Down syndrome. Early prenatal testing alerted the Palins to this chromosomal abnormality as it is alerting more and more families in the early stages of pregnancy.

Unfortunately, because of early screening, more children with Down syndrome are aborted so fewer and fewer are being born.

Children with Down syndrome do bring "unspeakable joy" into this world. I know the laughter and blessings my 5-year-old nephew, Ethan, who has Down syndrome, has brought to our family. But how do you explain this joy to a perfection-at-any-price world?

Politicians rarely help. How many politicians are ever called upon to really walk the walk in their lives?

One-issue voters often reward someone with a vote just because the candidate mouths the right words on abortion, but seldom examine what that politician has actually done to make abortion less common or add to the conversation.

Our governor is fortunate in that she has a loving family and tremendous support, something that many women do not. Again, those pro-life politicians often fail the very women who need help the most.

As Christians, we know the example of witness is profound.

Palin, a politician who has been eloquent in her defense of life before birth, has now proven with her own life how much she truly "walks the walk."

Thank you, Sarah, for a beautiful witness given to us through a little one whose Norse name, Trig, means "brave victory."

(Effie Caldarola writes for Catholic News Service.) †

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
 Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, May 25, 2008

- Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a
- 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
- John 6:51-58

This weekend, the Church celebrates the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ or *Corpus Christi*, its Latin translation.



The first reading is from the Book of Deuteronomy, one of the first five books of the Old Testament.

Deuteronomy recalls the passage of the Hebrews from Egyptian slavery to

the Promised Land.

Moses is the central figure in this book, in the Pentateuch, and in the list of ancient Hebrew prophets. He is the principal figure in this reading.

To understand this book, and indeed to understand the plight of the Hebrews as they fled from slavery in Egypt, across the Sinai Peninsula, and eventually to the Promised Land, it is necessary to realize how bleak and sterile the Sinai desert was—and still is, for that matter.

The fleeing Hebrews were virtually helpless. They faced starvation as well as possible death from thirst since food and water were nowhere to be found.

Through Moses, God supplied their needs. As a result, the people lived. They did not perish. In time, they arrived at the Promised Land.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians supplies the second reading.

Along with the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, First Corinthians provides the New Testament with records of the institution of the Eucharist.

The presence of this record in First Corinthians indicates how important the Eucharist was in early Christianity. The similarity among all the accounts shows how carefully the first Christians wished to repeat the Last Supper.

St. John's Gospel is the source of the last reading, and it is powerful and eloquent.

Jesus states, "I am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats

this bread, he shall live forever; the bread I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world" (Jn 6:51).

The Lord spoke these words, almost certainly, in Aramaic. They were recorded in the Gospel in Greek. The English version is a further translation.

Despite the years, and despite the translation, it is clear that Jesus spoke of the Eucharist as we understand it today. He used no symbolic phrases, no vague allusions. The biblical texts are clear.

He said, "I am the living bread come down from heaven."

Reflection

The circumstances of the flight of the desperate Hebrews—who were trapped for generations in slavery in Egypt—across the Sinai Peninsula, as recalled by Deuteronomy, the source of the first reading, is a fitting initiation for the Church's lesson on this feast of *Corpus Christi*.

They were completely at the mercy of an unknown and very unforgiving land. They had no way out. They could barely help themselves, if at all. Without food and water, without any direction as to where to go, they were facing death itself.

God supplied them with food and water, and pointed them on the right path to the Promised Land. God gave them life.

It is important that we realize who and where we are. Today, as humans in any time, we are lost in our own stark and sterile Sinai Peninsulas.

We may have earthly food and water—although many people do not. We may assume that we know where we are, and where we should go with our lives.

But, in fact, we also are at the mercy of conditions surrounding us. In the spiritual sense, we may be facing death.

We can do nothing ultimately to rescue ourselves on our own. God enters the picture. He gives us Jesus, the Son of God. The Lord gives us the Eucharist.

As the early Christians so firmly believed, the Eucharist is not merely a symbol. The Eucharist is Jesus, the Lord's "body, blood, soul and divinity." In the Eucharist, Jesus gives us life. †

Daily Readings

Monday, May 26

Philip Neri, priest
 1 Peter 1:3-9
 Psalm 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10
 Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, May 27

Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
 1 Peter 1:10-16
 Psalm 98:1-4
 Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 28

1 Peter 1:18-25
 Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20
 Mark 10:32-45

Thursday, May 29

1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12
 Psalm 100:2-5
 Mark 10:46-52

Friday, May 30

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Deuteronomy 7:6-11
 Psalm 103:1-4, 6-8, 10
 1 John 4:7-16
 Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Zephaniah 3:14-18a
 or Romans 12:9-16
 (Response) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4b-6
 Luke 1:39-56

Sunday, June 1

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32
 Psalm 31:2-4, 17, 25
 Romans 3:21-25, 28
 Matthew 7:21-27

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Holy Week liturgies date back to Christians in the early Church

Q Because a family member was received into the Catholic faith this past Holy Week, I attended the Holy Thursday evening Mass and the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday for the first time.



I have to say that I was awed because they were so beautiful. When I was growing up—I'm 69 years old now—we never heard about them.

Maybe we never even had them in our parish. Are they something new? When did they start? (Pennsylvania)

A I'm happy that you discovered these Holy Week liturgies. They are among the greatest treasures of our Catholic faith.

Far from new, the sacred Triduum liturgies—Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday—are ancient. Apart from Sundays, the first feast celebrated by Christians was Easter.

After a long night vigil of Scripture readings and prayers which extended into early Sunday morning, the Easter Eucharist was celebrated by the early Christians. During it, new Christians—adults and children—were baptized and confirmed, and they received the Eucharist for the first time.

Centuries later, the Easter Vigil and other related ceremonies changed dramatically.

By the 10th century, for example, most adults in what became known as Christian Europe were already baptized. Thus, generally baptisms were celebrated only for infants.

In addition, beginning long before the lifetime of anyone today, no celebration of Mass was permitted after noon on Holy Saturday, even for the Easter Vigil.

Older Catholics will remember when there were no afternoon or evening wedding or Sunday Masses, and no Masses on Christmas Eve or Saturday evenings.

Holy Thursday Masses were celebrated in the morning, perhaps followed by some hours of veneration of the Blessed Sacrament.

I remember serving our pastor at the Holy Saturday liturgy during the 1930s. The priest began about 7:30 a.m., reading all the required Scripture passages,

prayers and blessings, speaking everything softly and rapidly in Latin.

A few people would drift in for the Mass which followed, and everything was finished by 8:30 a.m. That was the "Easter Vigil" in those days, and for centuries before then.

Only in 1955 did the Church return these liturgies to their former dignity and solemnity. We have Pope Pius XII to thank for the revival of the Easter Triduum liturgies that we enjoy in the Church today.

Incidentally, this great pope usually does not receive the credit that he deserves for the liturgical renewal which received its greatest impulse in the Second Vatican Council a few years after he died.

His historic 1947 encyclical on the liturgy, *Mediator Dei*, and his restoration of the Easter liturgies helped set the tone and direction for what was to come at the Second Vatican Council.

I am often asked even to this day whether the Holy Saturday Vigil Mass "counts" for Easter Sunday.

From what I have described, it's clear that not only does it count, but that the Easter Vigil celebration of the Eucharist is the Easter celebration first and beyond all others.

(A free brochure in English or Spanish, answering questions that Catholics ask about baptism practices and sponsors, is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 3315, Peoria, IL 61612.

Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail in care of jjdietzen@aol.com.) †

My Journey to God

Beheaded Saints

They are in the flowerbeds, on windowsills,
 Bedside tables and curio shelves ...
 Gray stone figures that have literally
 Lost their heads ...
 Not by the sword, but by
 Small, rambunctious bodies, bicycle tires,
 Wooden wagons or mis-swung baseball
 bats ...
 St. Pasquale and St. Anne, by falls
 Off the kitchen shelf onto the
 Lid of a boiling pot.

A full-headed statue is a rare thing,
 To be much enjoyed and admired.
 Representing the good intentions of
 The owner, the saints stoically
 Beckon remembrance of their fate ...
 Only, as in the past, to fall victim
 Once again to another martyrdom.

By Susie McAllister

(Susie McAllister is a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis. This poem was inspired by the everyday accidents—some associated with her 16 grandchildren—which have befallen the statues of saints that she has displayed in her home and yard. In this Catholic News Service file photo, a statue of the Virgin Mary lies broken at the Shrine of the Mother of Most Pure, a Catholic church in Mattegoda, east of the Sri Lankan capital of Colombo on Jan. 27, 2004, after the church was vandalized the day before as a result of mounting inter-religious tension in the Buddhist-majority island.)



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Readers may submit prose or poetry for faith column

The Criterion invites readers to submit original prose or poetry relating to faith or experiences of prayer for possible publication in the "My Journey to God" column.

Seasonal reflections also are appreciated. Please include name, address, parish and telephone number with submissions.

Send material for consideration to "My Journey to God," The Criterion, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206 or e-mail to critterion@archindy.org. †

Rest in peace

Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Thursday before the week of publication; be sure to state date of death. Obituaries of archdiocesan priests serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in *The Criterion*. Order priests and religious sisters and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it; those are separate obituaries on this page.

BAKER, Allison Marie, 33, St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, May 11. Mother of Austin Todd Helms. Daughter of D. Rex and Rebecca (Schaefer) James. Sister of Karyn Barrett. Granddaughter of William Schaefer.

BOLING, Theresa R., 92, St. Mary, Rushville, May 12. Mother of Gloria Miller and James Boling. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of seven.

CAFOUROS, Virginia, 93, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Indianapolis, May 6. Mother of Carl and Gregory Cafouros. Grandmother of three. Step-grandmother of two.

CHILDERS, Pauline, 83, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, May 10. Wife of William Childers. Mother of Anna Marie Amberger and Nicholas Childers. Sister of Jeanette Butner and Marilyn Cochran. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of four.

EADS, Dorothy, 85, St. Roch, Indianapolis, May 5. Mother of Shirley Roller, Janet Swigert, John and Robert Eads. Sister of Mary Beth Mueller. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of 22. Great-great-grandmother of three.

FRANKLIN, Joan F., 83, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, May 7. Mother of Susan Blackwell, Anna McDonnell, Elizabeth, Jeanne, Mare and Daniel Franklin. Sister of Shirley Barnhorst and Dr. Mark Freihage. Grandmother of 14.

GROVES, Jordan Dean, 20, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, May 11. Son of Bobby and Diane Groves. Brother of Kristie Tanner and Jeff Buffington. Grandson of Alta Cox.

HANRAHAN, Joseph M., 87, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, April 16. Brother of Betty Clements.

HARTMAN, Fannie, 84, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Jeffersonville, April 27.

HONEYCUTT, Edith M. (Dailey), 82, St. Mary, New Albany, May 7. Mother of Debra Whitler and Regina Honeycutt. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of one.

KILMARK, Donald J., 83, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, April 17. Husband of Alma (Mulinaro) Kilmark. Father of Mary Karla Bennett and Donald C. Kilmark. Brother of Dr. Robert Kilmark. Grandfather of 10. Great-grandfather of 16.

LOUGHERY, Robert Joseph, 90, St. Luke the Evangelist, Indianapolis, May 10. Husband of Irene Loughery. Father of Kathleen Heiman, Mary Wise, Bob, Frank and Neal Loughery. Brother of Joan Courtney, Marian Potter and James Loughery.

MORONE, Mary Alice, 83, St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, May 12. Wife of Joseph P. Morone Jr. Mother of Judy Harrison, Teresa Hupalo, Michael and Tom Morone. Sister of Dorothy Maar and Carl Koesters. Grandmother of eight.

PETERS, Claude E., 83, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Jeffersonville, May 4. Husband of Mary (Gootee) Peters. Father of Harriet Ruthledge, Kenneth and Steven Peters. Brother of Hettie Dauby and Anna Goffinet. Grandfather of eight. Great-grandfather of seven.

PETROFF, Sharon A., 60, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, May 16. Mother of Connie Cusick and Steve Petroff. Daughter of Elmer Brown. Sister of Mary Rush, Bob and Don Brown.

ROPP, Donald, 75, St. Mary, Richmond, May 5. Husband of Mary Ropp. Father of Kim Schull and Tom Ropp. Brother of Patricia Bell. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of three.

SADDLER, Paul E., 55, Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville, May 5. Husband of Jan Saddler. Son of Dorothy Saddler. Brother of Mary Monts and Joe Saddler. Uncle of several.

SHIELDS, Molly A., 55, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, May 7. Daughter of Rosella (Berger) Shields. Sister of Martha Mark.

SZMURLO, Roger, 66, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, May 9. Husband of Gayle Szmurlo. Father of Wendy Arnold, Carrie and Tina Szmurlo. Grandfather of five.

TEKULVE, Keith A., 48, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, May 7. Husband of Kathy (Barnes) Tekulve. Father of Kristyn Gibson, Erin, Kellie and Brian

Tekulve. Son of Clara Tekulve. Brother of Kara Traub and Kurt Tekulve.

TRAUGHBER, Joseph Thomas, 78, St. Mary, New Albany, May 8. Husband of Bonnie (Barksdale) Traughber. Father of Marianne Gatlin, Barbara Morris, Patty Umbreit, Kelly Wilkinson, Danny, David, Jeff, Robert and Tom Traughber. Grandfather of 22. Great-grandfather of 17.

Van Benten, Ruth Marie, 85, St. Luke the Evangelist, Indianapolis, May 7. Mother of Diane Bradburn, Annie Hunt, Susan Roy, Bob Davidson, Joe, Kevin and Michael Van Benten. Grandmother of 15. Great-grandmother of one.

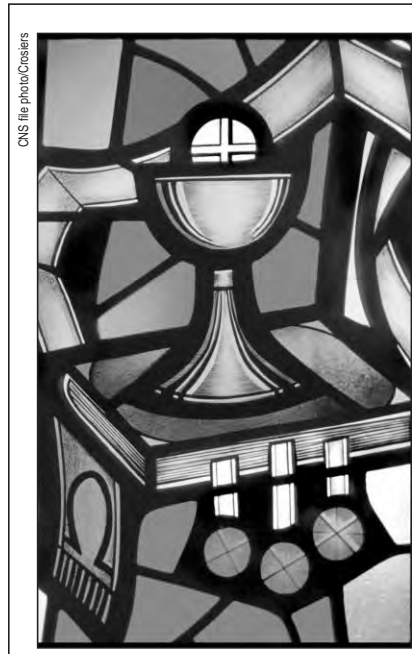
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WADE, Margaret (Duffy), 75, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, May 9. Sister of Providence Sister Marikay Duffy. Aunt of several.

WHEATLEY, Joseph Patrick, 70, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, May 3. Husband of Judy Wheatley. Father of Jennifer Baylor and Jeff Wheatley. Son of Henrietta Bauer-Whitten. Brother of Rose Marie Wilbert and Donald Wheatley.

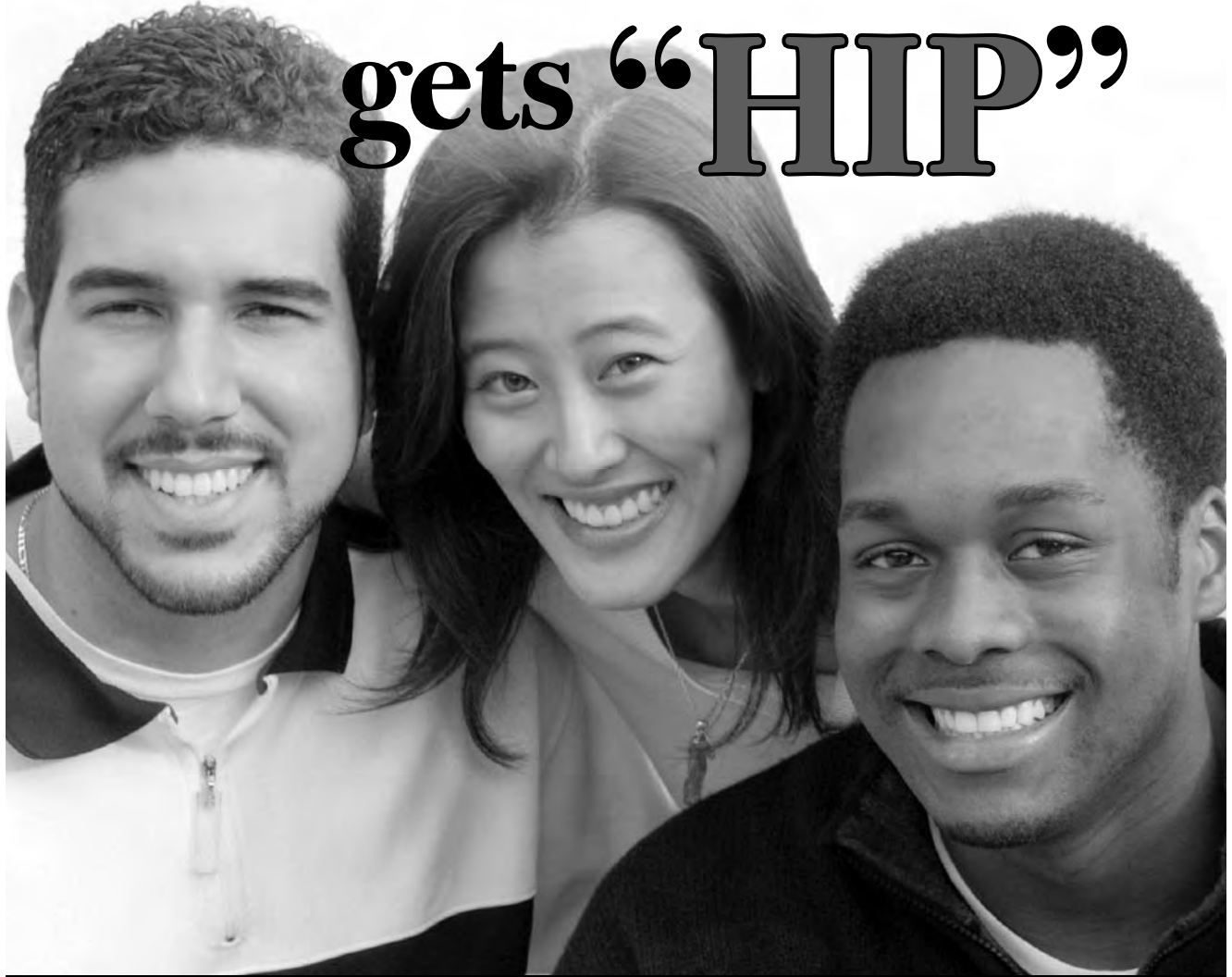
ZINKAN, Geraldine, 62, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Indianapolis, May 8. Daughter of Margaret Zinkan. Sister of Karen McCrary, Danny, John and Michael Zinkan. †



Corpus Christi

The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on May 25. The Eucharist is depicted in a stained-glass window with a chalice and priest's stole at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Ord, Neb.

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Certification in Youth Ministry or a comparable pastoral program and/or experience in youth ministry is a plus. A strong candidate would demonstrate an ongoing commitment to faith formation, both personal and professional. Salary will be commensurate with education and experience and includes a health care, life insurance, and retirement package. Please send a cover letter of explanation of one's vision of ministry to young people, along with a résumé by May 25, 2008, to:

Mr. Joe Hurr
Precious Blood Parish
4961 Salem Ave., Dayton OH 45416 or
jhurr@preciousbloodchurch.org.

COORDINATOR OF LITURGY AND MUSIC

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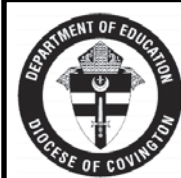
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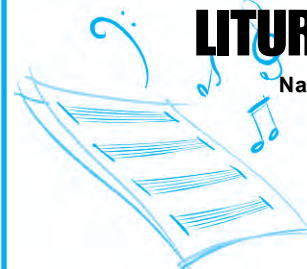
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DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC

Nativity Catholic Church, Indianapolis, IN.



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Send résumé to:

Search Committee
Nativity Catholic Church
7225 Southeastern Avenue
Indianapolis, IN. 46239





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Under the leadership of the Class of 2008:

- To date, seniors have received more than \$7 million in scholarships and awards to attend colleges and universities throughout the United States.
- 146 pints of blood were donated during the 2008 Senior Blood Drive.
- 37 seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society.
- \$29,030 was raised to fight childhood illness during the Dance Marathon for Riley Hospital.
- More than 19,000 cans of food were donated to local charitable organizations through the Thanksgiving food drive.
- BCHS newspaper and yearbook staffs earned state and national honors.
- Athletic teams earned local, regional, semi-state and state championships, including the school's 9th football state championship and 1st girls basketball state runner-up title.
- BCHS students visited North Deanery grade schools, tutoring and exploring opportunities to learn with younger students.
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