Mobile unit adds prenatal ultrasound services

Holy Family Healthcare in Hartford has added prenatal ultrasound services thanks to the generosity of local Knights of Columbus councils. Through the Ultrasound Initiative, since 2009, state and local Knights of Columbus councils have teamed up with the Supreme Council to fund more than 752 ultrasound machines, costing more than $36 million, for placement in pro-life pregnancy care centers (PCCs) in all 50 states, as well as in Canada, Guatemala, Jamaica and Peru.

The machine gifted to Holy Family Healthcare is the seventh machine in the Diocese of Kalamazoo and the 38th in the state of Michigan. Fundraising efforts were lead by Louis Scohy, Kalamazoo Diocesan Program Director as well as Phil Hover, chairperson, and Blaine Douglas, Grand Knight of Paw Paw Council #3798.

According to Douglas, the fundraising efforts were so successful that there is additional money to begin funding more machines. The ultrasound machine, which offers both 3D and 4D imaging, has been designated “Gianna’s Gift” in honor of St. Gianna Beretta Molla. Bishop Paul J. Bradley celebrated a blessing and dedication ceremony last month in the parish center of Immaculate Conception Parish, Hartford.

“We exist to strengthen families,” noted Dr. Don Bouchard, President, Holy Family Healthcare, in his comments during last month’s blessing and dedication ceremony. He said his mobile unit will now be able to strategically locate itself to be available to those expectant women in need who may be considering abortion.

According to information shared on its website, Holy Family Healthcare was started in 2012 by a group of physicians who “did not like the erosion of the covenant relationship between the physician and his or her patient.”

In 2014, the organization purchased a mobile medical clinic and traveled throughout the region providing medical and dental care to a large number of the migrant agricultural Hispanic population. In 2015 they purchased and renovated a building in Hartford to house pediatric health services and adolescent counseling. For more information visit: www.holyfamilyhealthcare.org

Bishops and lay leaders to gather in Orlando for first Convocation of Catholic Leaders

WASHINGTON—Next month, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will be convening an unprecedented gathering of diverse leaders from dioceses and Catholic organizations from across the country to assess the challenges and opportunities of our time, particularly in the context of the Church in the United States. An ongoing initiative of the Bishops’ Working Group on the Life and Dignity of the Human Person, the Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America, will assemble Catholic leaders for a strategic conversa-

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Deacon Jeff Hanley and Deacon Maximilian Nightingale have been called to the Priesthood by Bishop Paul J. Bradley. The two deacons will be ordained on June 24, 2017 at St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo at 10 a.m. To learn more about Deacon Jeff and Deacon Max including who likes to bowl and who has an interest in Balkan history, see page 6.

Gene Roberts has collected close to 40,000 lbs of food to deliver to food banks around the Kalamazoo area. The proud Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, Council 1616 took on the project after a casual conversation with a local bagel shop owner. His efforts have helped Councils around the Diocese earn $500 towards special projects. Roberts, above right, is shown above dropping off bagels to David Duchamp, volunteer at The Loaves & Fishes. See page 12 for more details.
Diocesan Announcements

Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley has made the following new assignments for priests which are effective July 10, 2017 except where noted. In addition Bishop Bradley has approved the realignment of select Parish Collaboratives. *assignment begins June 1, 2017

PASTOR

Rev. John Peter Ambrose, MSFS, Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Watervliet, has been named Pastor, St. Mary Parish, New Buffalo; St. Agnes Parish, Sawyer; and St. Mary of the Assumption, Three Oaks.

Rev. Simon Chummar-Manjooran, SDB, Administrator, St. Philip Parish, Battle Creek, has been appointed Pastor, St. Margaret Parish, Otsego and Blessed Sacrament Parish, Allegan.

Rev. Robert Creagan, V.F., Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph has also been named Canonical Pastor of SS. John & Bernard Parish, Benton Harbor and St. Joseph Parish, Watervliet. Fr. Creagan continues his responsibilities as Vicar for Clergy and Dean of the Western Deanery.

Rev. John Fleckenstein, Pastor, St. Ann Parish, Augusta; St. Ambrose Parish, Delton and Our Lady of Great Oak Parish, Lacey; has been appointed Pastor, St. Philip Parish, Battle Creek.

Rev. Francis Marotti, Vice Rector/Parochial Vicar, St. Augustine Cathedral, has been appointed Pastor, St. Ann Parish, Augusta; St. Ambrose Parish, Delton; and Our Lady of Great Oak Parish, Lacey; as well as Chaplain/Spiritual Moderator for St. Philip Catholic Central High School, Battle Creek.

Rev. Basker Lopez, MSFS,* has been appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage. Fr. Basker was previously serving in the Diocese of Kottar, India.

Rev. James Morris and Very Rev. Fabio Garzon, V.F. will be Pastors in solidum with Fr. Garzon serving as Moderator for the newly realigned Parish Collaborative of: St. Basil Parish, South Haven; St. Peter Parish, Douglas and San Felipe de Jesus Parish, Fennville.

Rev. Germain Perez-Diaz, remains Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Hartford and has been appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Bangor which form a new collaborative.

Rev. Daniel Doctor, Parochial Vicar, St. Mary of the Lake Parish, New Buffalo; St. Agnes Parish, Sawyer; and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Three Oaks has been appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Monica Parish, Kalamazoo.

Rev. Vanathaiyan Savarimuthu, MSFS, Parochial Vicar, St. Monica, Kalamazoo, has been appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Mary of the Lake Parish, New Buffalo; St. Agnes Parish, Sawyer; and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Three Oaks.

Rev. Richard Altine, V.F., has been appointed Canonical Pastor of a newly realigned Parish Collaborative which in addition to Holy Maternity of Mary Parish, Dowagiac; Holy Family Parish, Decatur; and Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, Silver Creek; now includes St. Anthony Parish, Buchanan; and St. Gabriel Parish, Berrien Springs.

Rev. Joseph Xavier, MSFS and Rev. Alan Jorgensen remain Pastors in solidum of the Parish Collaborative of: St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw; St. John Bosco Parish, Mattawan; and St. Margaret Mary Parish, Marcellus and which now includes St. Jude Parish, Gobles.

Rev. German Perez-Diaz, remains Parish Collaborative updates

Rev. Thomas McNally, V.F., has been appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Augustine Cathedral and General Secretary/Moderator of the newly realigned Parish Collaborative which now includes St. Anthony Parish, Buchanan; Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, Silver Creek; Holy Maternity of Mary Parish, Dowagiac; Holy Family Parish, Decatur; and Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, Silver Creek; new includes St. Anthony Parish, Buchanan; and St. Gabriel Parish, Berrien Springs.

PASTOR — Parish Collaborative updates

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Arul Lazar, MSFS,* has been appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph and Chaplain/Spiritual Moderator, Lake Michigan Catholic Schools (LMC). Fr. Arul was previously serving in the Diocese of Kumbakoram, India.

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ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Patrick Craig, Pastor, St. Mary of the Lake Parish, New Buffalo; St. Agnes Parish, Sawyer; and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Three Oaks has been named Administrator, St. Joseph Parish, Watervliet.

Rev. Benjamin Huynh, Pastor, St. Margaret Parish, Otsego and Blessed Sacrament Parish, Allegan has been named Administrator, SS. John & Bernard Parish, Benton Harbor.

Rev. Thomas McNally in addition to his role as Vice Rector, St. Augustine Cathedral is appointed Director of Vocations for the Diocese.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Rev. Andrew Raczkowski, Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish, Kalamazoo, has also been appointed to provide assistance in the sacramental care of the Hispanic/Latino community at St. Cyril & Methodius, Gun Lake (Wayland).

Rev. Michael Osborn, V.G. will continue working with Vocations as Director of Formation for Seminarians and newly ordained Priests. Msgr. Osborn also continues serving as Rector, St. Augustine Cathedral and General Secretary/Moderator of the Curia/Vicar General.
The Bishop’s Perspective

Embracing the Spirit within us

From school graduations, to First Communion and Confirmation celebrations, to Spring weddings — this season is full of milestone celebrations that mark a clear delineation in a person’s life — a “before” and “after,” if you will. So it is as well in the Liturgical life of the Church. We have just marked another another “milestone” having concluded the 50 glorious days in the Easter season — a time where we can bear witness to the stark contrast of the “before” Jesus’ suffering and death which we prepared for throughout our Lenten journey, transitioning us to the “after” of Jesus’ glorious Resurrection, compelling us to joyfully proclaim our “Alleluia”. And at the end of those 50 glorious days of the Easter Season, we mark yet another milestone on June 4th with the powerful Solemnity of Pentecost.

We oftentimes refer to this great Feast Day of Pentecost as the “Birthday of the Church”, since the Holy Spirit’s transforming impact in the lives of the Apostles sent them forth on the constant mission of the Church to proclaim that “Jesus is Risen” — “Jesus is Alive” — and “Jesus is Lord”! At that precise moment in time, God gave His Holy Spirit to the Church as the Gift that truly keeps on giving — the Gift of His abiding Presence, and the constant Source of inspiration to guide all the faithful, beginning with the Apostles.

As the Scriptures tell us so clearly, the Apostles at first were reluctant to embrace their new reality — a world without the physical Presence of their Lord and Teacher, Jesus. For the 40 days following Easter, the Resurrected and Glorified Jesus stayed with them until His Ascension into Heaven. As He ascended, Jesus gave them their mission: “Go out into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all people.” But, they were not quite ready. So they went back to that familiar, safe and comfortable Upper Room and waited for 10 more days. Then, on Pentecost, “there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and...there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim” (Acts 2:2-6). This time, the Apostles not only got the message, but they were transformed by the Holy Spirit who sent them forth. Now they were ready. The Church was born, and the process of “renew(ing) the face of the earth” was begun.

Down through the generations, under the guidance and prompting of that same Holy Spirit, the Church has been faithful to her mission “to renew the face of the earth” to all parts of the world, including those parts where the Good News has not taken hold, and even to those parts of the earth where there is open persecution of those who believe in and give witness to the Good News of Jesus by those who steadfastly reject that same Good News. It is very important that we remember that all of us have a part to play in the “mission” which Jesus sent the Apostles, and the Church, to begin. It’s not just up to the Pope or the Bishops or priests to lead those efforts; each of us, baptized into Christ and confirmed in the Holy Spirit, has to give witness to the Good News of the Risen Jesus in our world. That is a significant part of our spiritual life mission. As St. Paul said to the Corinthians “To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” [1 Corinthians. 12:7]. God has given each of us unique gifts; you and I have particular service to do for God that only you and I can do; if we fail to use the gifts God has given us in the ways He intended, that part of building up God’s Kingdom will go undone. We do not have to look very far to see what those special works of God are; just look to our normal daily activities. How do we remain faithful to our basic life vocation in the midst of those activities, how do we defend the rights of others, and how do we protect and respect human life in any situation we encounter?

During the Easter Season we heard many accounts from the Acts of the Apostles regarding the Church’s earliest days, and the beginning of our faith in Jesus Christ spreading throughout the ancient world. Those accounts of total acts of heroism, controversies, persecutions and miracles testify to the continued and abiding presence of the Risen Christ in the world, but now, through the actions of the Holy Spirit, abiding in the lives of His disciples.

Just imagine if each of us would embrace all those amazing Gifts that the Holy Spirit makes available to us; what if we actually used His gifts of wisdom, knowledge, fortitude, piety, counsel, understanding and wonder and awe to help us live our Faith-lives accordingly? The dramatic impact we could have on peoples’ lives as well as our own would be astounding!

As an example of a great potential impact of the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, from July 1st through the 4th, I and seven others from our Diocese will form a delegation to attend a very special gathering of delegations of diocesan/parish leaders from across the United States in Orlando, Florida. This gathering, sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is called a “Convocation of Catholic Leaders” which will bring together clergy and lay faithful from more than 150 Dioceses around the United States to reflect on Pope Francis’ call to all...
Augustine Cathedral. The hope will be to fill Wings Stadium on a rally will be held on September 24th at 4 p.m. on the grounds of St. Love that God asks us to follow but with Kalamazoo United there is divisions over the past 500 years have not followed the pathway of light.”

Throughout the summer months leaders will gather at various communities,” noted Fran Denny, a volunteer member of the Planning Committee and former Executive Director of Catholic Charities. “We have varied traditions and canons but one Lord. Our divisions over the past 500 years have not followed the pathway of love that God asks us to follow but with Kalamazoo United there is light.”

THE BISHOP’S PERSPECTIVE
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baptized Catholics to be joyful witnesses of our faith to all the world. We will spend this time together discussing in particular Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation “Evangelii Gaudium” (The Joy of the Gospel), and ways in which we can allow our faith in the Risen Jesus to enliven us as individuals, as well as how all of us together, by embracing the power of the Holy Spirit, can once more help to “renew the face of the earth” here in the United States. [See related article on cover]. That is so true for each of us as well. When we allow the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His mighty gifts—when we truly “embrace” the Holy Spirit’s Presence in our lives, we can accomplish amazing things. Just as St. Paul reminded us that we cannot say “Jesus is Lord” unless we are prompted by the Holy Spirit [1 Corin. 12:3] so none of us can accomplish anything that is of God unless we embrace the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit. The Liturgical Season of Easter may have concluded for another year, but the Risen Jesus continues to announce His beautiful and reassuring Easter message to us at all times: “Peace be with you!—Do not let your hearts be troubled.” We have received the very “breath” of God’s Holy Spirit through our baptism and confirmation. And with that “Easter breath” within us—the breath of new life—we have all that we need to help us remain faithful in our relationship with God, and capable of fulfilling the special and unique mission that has been given to each of us. But just as the Holy Spirit compelled the Apostles to leave the security of the Upper Room to begin the mission of the Church, so too do we have to leave the comfort and security of our personal “upper rooms” so that we can participate in the mission. The Risen Jesus tells us what He told His Apostles: “As the Father has sent Me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit.”—and Go! Let us truly embrace the Holy Spirit with all the gifts He brings to us, and may each of us do our part in “renewing the face of the earth” here in the Diocese of Kalamazoo!

God bless you now and always!

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IN MEMORIAM
Sr. Mary Elizabeth Naughton passed away last month. Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Family Chapel, Nazareth. Sr. Mary Elizabeth was born in Bahola County Mayo, Ireland, on November 19, 1919, the daughter of Thomas and Bridget (Brennan) Naughton. She pronounced final vows on August 26, 1941.

Sr. Mary Elizabeth earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science from Nazareth College and a Master of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Detroit. She pursued graduate studies and earned a diploma in Theology from St. Norbert College in Wisconsin. For thirty-two years Sister Mary ministered as a teacher and principal in schools. Having completed training in Catechetics she became Director of Religious Education for the Catholic parishes in Genesee County for eight years.

She worked in pastoral ministry and retired to Fontbonne Manor in 2001.

Como ejemplo de un gran impacto potencial de la orientación e inspiración del Espíritu Santo, del 1 al 4 de julio, yo y otros siete de nuestra Diócesis formaremos una delegación para asistir a una reunión muy especial de delegaciones de líderes diocesanos / parroquiales de todo los Estados Unidos en Orlando, Florida. Esta reunión, patrocinada por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB), se llama “Convocación de Líderes Católicos”, que reúnerá a clérigos y fieles laicos de más de 130 Diócesis alrededor de los Estados Unidos para reflexionar sobre el llamado del Papa Francisco a todos los Bautizados católicos a ser testigos alegres de nuestra fe para todo el mundo. Pasaremos este tiempo juntos discutiendo en particular la Exhortación Apostólica “Evangelii Gaudium” (la alabanza del evangelio) del Papa Francisco y las formas en que podemos permitir que nuestra fe en el Jesús Resucitado nos anime como individuos, así como también a todos nosotros juntos, abrazando el poder del Espíritu Santo, pueda una vez más ayudar a “renovar la faz de la tierra” aquí en los Estados Unidos. [Ver articulo relacionado en la portada].

Esos son tan cierto para cada uno de nosotros también. Cuando permitimos que el Espíritu Santo lleve nuestros corazones con Sus poderosos dones — cuando verdaderamente “abrazamos” la Presencia del Espíritu Santo en nuestras vidas, podemos lograr cosas asombrosas. Así como San Pablo nos recordó que no podemos decir “jésus es el Señor” a menos que estamos impulsados por el Espíritu Santo [1 Corin. 12:3] así que ninguno de nosotros puede lograr nada que sea de Dios a menos que aceptemos la dirección y guía del Espíritu Santo.

La Temporada Litúrgica de la Pascua puede haber concluido por otro año, pero el Jesús Resucitado continua anunciándonos Su hermoso y tranquiliizador mensaje de Pascua en todo momento: “¡La paz sea con vosotros! No dejéis que vuestras corazones se turben”. Hemos recibido el “aliento” del Espíritu Santo de Dios a través de nuestro bautismo y confirmación. Y con ese el “aliento de Pascua” dentro de nosotros -el aliento de una nueva vida- tenemos todo lo que necesitamos para ayudarnos a permanecer fieles en nuestra relación con Dios y capaces de cumplir la misión especial y única que se nos ha dado a cada uno de nosotros. Pero así mismo el Espíritu Santo obligó a los Apóstoles a dejar la seguridad del Cenáculo para comenzar la misión de la Iglesia, también tenemos que dejar la comodidad y seguridad de nuestros “cuartos superiores” para que podamos participar en la misión. Jesús resucitado nos dice lo que dijo a sus apóstoles: “Como el Padre me envió, así os envío yo. Recibid el Espíritu Santo.” — y ¡salgan! Abrácame verdaderamente el Espíritu Santo con todos los dones que Él nos trae, y que cada uno de nosotros haga nuestra parte en “renovar la faz de la tierra” aquí en la Diócesis de Kalamazoo!

¡Que Dios los bendiga ahora y siempre!

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Be a Witness of Charity through your contribution to the Peter’s Pence Collection, June 24/25

By Lisa Irwin, Associate Directory, Sanctity of the Human Person

The annual Peter’s Pence Collection, held the weekend of June 24/25, reflects the practice of the early Church to give material support to those preaching the Gospel so they could assist those in need (see Acts 4:34-35, 11:29). Today the collection is an expression of unity with the Holy Father and supports his charitable works and outreach to those most in need.

In his 2016 Urbi et Orbi address, Pope Francis reminded us, “The Lord… enables us to see with his eyes of love and compassion those who hunger and thirst, strangers and prisoners, the marginalized and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence.” By opening our eyes to the suffering and injustice in the world, we can open our hearts to the call of Pope Francis that “efforts be made everywhere to promote the culture of encounter, justice and reciprocal respect, which alone can guarantee the spiritual and material welfare of all people.”

Donations to the collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis and provide compassionate outreach to the suffering in the world, especially those enduring the effects of war and violence, natural disasters and religious persecution.

For more information visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/peters-pence/collection/index.cfm or contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177; lirwin@diokzoo.org.

Pope Francis approves beatification of Detroit friar

Venerable Solanus Casey is officially one step closer to sainthood.

On May 4th, Pope Francis announced his approval for the beatification of Ven. Solanus Casey. Originally from Oak Grove, Wis., Fr. Solanus spent most of his ministry caring for the sick and poor and counseling the people of Detroit.

While there are hundreds of healings attributed to Fr. Solanus, Pope Francis announced the authenticity of one particular miracle, the inexplicable instant and visible healing of a woman’s incurable genetic skin disease, to approve his cause for beatification. Doctors in Detroit and Rome confirmed there was no scientific explanation for the cure.

“The beatification of Fr. Solanus Casey is an incomparable grace for the Church in the Archdiocese of Detroit and for the whole community of Southeast Michigan,” Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron said in a statement. “He is an exemplar of the merciful spirit of Christ and I feel blessed, as a long-time Detroit-resident and a resident of the Archdiocese of Detroit for 30 years. “Fr. Solanus is an exemplar of the merciful spirit of Christ and I feel blessed, as a long-time Detroit-resident and a Catholic, to be able to take frequent trips to his Center, learn from his life and pray for his intercession.”

Ven. Solanus’ beatification will take place during a Mass in Detroit later this year. It is the final step before sainthood which will require a second confirmed miracle of his intercession to occur after he is made blessed. He is the second U.S.-born man to be beatified, second to Oklahoma City-born priest Fr. Stanley Rother whose beatification was approved last December.
Berrien County natives to be ordained priests for the diocese this month

One loves to bowl; the other has an avid interest in Balkan history. Each one has had the privilege to shake hands with Pope Francis and this month will be ordained to the Holy Order of the Priesthood by Bishop Bradley, Deacon Jeff Hanley and Deacon Max Nightingale answered some key questions in the days leading up to their ordination.

What's your first memory of being called to the Priesthood?

Deacon Jeff: For me, I remember the call to the Priesthood first consciously coming to me while I was attending a Youth Conference at Franciscan University with my Youth Group just before I entered High School. During Adoration at this Conference, I remember distinctly asking God for the first time what He might want me to do with my life. Before then, I had just been asking myself what I wanted to do with my life; however, it was in the context of switching this question around for the first time that I remember a strong call to the priesthood.

Deacon Max: There was one time in 9th grade, when I was walking around and thinking about life. For some reason, I thought to ask myself, “Would I be willing to give up everything, even a family, if I knew that God was calling me to serve Him?” Even at that time, “Yes” was the obvious answer to that question. I didn’t enter priestly formation for another 7 years, but I can see looking back that God was preparing me even from that time.

What are you most looking forward to after Ordination?

Deacon Jeff: I am most looking forward to celebrating the Mass. A close second is celebrating the Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick.

Deacon Max: Celebrating Mass and hearing Confessions! Of all things a priest does, these are the two actions where a priest says the words of Christ and Christ performs these actions through the priest, “This is my body...” and “I absolve you from your sins...” These are the words I most look forward to saying.

What do you think are a few things that are important for the Faithful to consider to foster more vocations to religious life?

Deacon Jeff: If we are not listening, we will never hear God’s voice. The word “vocation” comes from the Latin word for “call”, and it is God who calls young men and women from all backgrounds to a life of adventure, of love, and of complete consecration to Himself. When we spend time with Our Lord in prayer, especially before His Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, we foster vocations because we attune our hearts to listen to and trust the voice of our Creator.

Deacon Max: I think the most important thing is to remember that our final happiness is only found in God. When people understand that we were made to know and love God—that this is where our ultimate happiness is—then it just makes sense to consider giving one’s entire life to the adoration of God and the service of His people. Everything else is secondary.

What are some hobbies or interests you have that might surprise people?

Deacon Jeff: I love bowling! I was in a bowling league for six years growing up and love spending time in the bowling alley with friends.

Deacon Max: It won’t surprise anyone that my favorite hobby is reading: literature, history, philosophy and theology. It may come as a surprise to some that I have a special interest in the history of the Balkans! A couple years ago, I was able to do a road trip, “14 countries in 14 days”, where I was able to visit all of the nations formerly part of Yugoslavia.

Who was instrumental in helping you discern your vocation?

Deacon Jeff: For me, my Pastor in High School was instrumental in helping me discern my vocation. He encouraged me to pray, to begin reading scripture and other spiritual authors, and challenged me to allow my faith to influence all the aspects of my life.

Deacon Max: One person that comes to mind right away is my grandfather, William Houseal. He taught me Catechism through middle school and early high school. Every so often, he would ask “Have you ever thought about being a priest?” He never insisted on it or argued for it, but he certainly placed the idea in my mind so that I thought about it.

If you were stranded on a deserted island what 3 things would you want to have with you?

Deacon Jeff: Besides food and water? 1. Crucifix; 2. Rosary; 3. Swiss Army Knife (What can’t you do with a Swiss Army Knife?)

Deacon Max: My library, a decent chair, and... That would probably be good enough until I got hungry or thirsty.

What makes you hopeful for the growth of the Church?

Deacon Jeff: Young people in the Church and the number of young men and women who are courageously entering Seminary or Religious Life. It’s a great consolation of hope for me to live and pray in the Seminary with 250 men from all over the United States who are studying to become priests.

Deacon Max: When I see people from all over the world who are giving their lives to Christ, I am confident that the Holy Spirit is continuing to work in the Church.

What do you think some of the Church’s biggest challenges are?

Deacon Jeff: There are several social issues that present challenges to the Church; however, I think that our biggest challenge today concerns faith. Today’s culture asks us to put our faith in white noise: the endless Facebook newsfeed, the Internet which is always at our fingertips or in our pockets. This white noise both isolates us from one another as well as prevents each of us from hearing the voice of Christ in the silence. From the silence, as St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta says, comes prayer; from prayer, faith; from faith, love; from love, service; from service, peace.

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Students tackle complex moral topics to win St. Thomas Aquinas scholarship awards

By Vicki Cessna

Catholic high school seniors weren’t daunted by the challenging topics for their senior capstone project. One tackled the controversy of frozen embryos; another the negative impact of pornography and another explored the complex world of genetic manipulation. These were just a sampling of the complex moral topics showcased at the annual competition for St. Thomas Aquinas scholarships, hosted by the Diocese of Kalamazoo’s Office of Schools.

Bishop Bradley recognized ten Catholic High School Senior students who received the St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarships at a banquet in their honor last month. The program, now in its second year, recognizes outstanding Senior capstone projects from the three Catholic high schools in the diocese: Hackett Catholic Prep, Kalamazoo; Lake Michigan Catholic High School, St. Joseph; and St. Philip Catholic High School, Battle Creek.

More than $10,000 in scholarships were awarded for seniors to use to offset the cost of university and college tuition and expenses.

“I’m honored on behalf of the entire Diocese of Kalamazoo to recognize the outstanding work of these Catholic school students,” said Bishop Paul J. Bradley. “The depth of all the students’ topics shows they can wrestle with the challenging moral and theological questions of our day much in the spirit of St. Thomas Aquinas, a doctor of the Catholic Church.”

The senior capstone project is a graduation requirement for all diocesan high school students aimed at recognizing outstanding achievement. Students select their theological topic at the end of their junior year. They then conduct research, prepare a report and present it to a panel of judges. Scores are tabulated based on a variety of factors including demonstration and depth of knowledge on the theology topic, research quality and oral presentation skills.

“The students’ presentations clearly illustrate their commitment to excellence,” said Margaret Erich, Superintendent for the Catholic schools in the diocese. “Their work is a testament to the outstanding instruction and mentorship they’ve received. We’re proud to recognize these students with scholarship monies to assist them in their college careers.”

Notre Dame “ECHO” Interns reflect on time with diocese

By Sarah DeMott

As another group of Notre Dame University ECHO interns prepare to move to the next phase of their education and careers, they reflected back on their time in the diocese and all they have learned.

The main focus of Notre Dame’s ECHO program is to give interns hands-on experience with ministry and leadership. Interns are paired with a parish and mentor and usually spend their first year learning about, and immersing themselves, in the parish and its ministries. The second year of the internship is spent focusing on a special project.

Sara Pekar, who worked at St. Joseph Parish, Battle Creek, devoted the majority of her time working to develop and grow the St. Joseph’s Evangelization Commission, giving her experience with developing goals, working with parishioners and more, honing her leadership skills. She also worked with the youth ministry, adult faith formation programs, taught religious education for high school students and helped develop an art ministry project.

“One of my favorite memories was one day last year; I went to a school class-room to learn about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd,” she explained.

Sara Pekar also focused on youth and young adults during her time at St. Monica Parish, Kalamazoo, teaching confirmation preparation, working with the RCIA team, youth and young adults ministries and assisting with various retreats. Some of the most valuable lessons she learned came from her mentor, Laurie Schulte, who showed her that when working in ministry everything must turn back to God, and she said, “not to measure success and failure based on secular ideas but based on bringing Christ to all.”

“I love to listen to catechumens questions,” she added. “[they] explore the faith from a new perspective, and I delight with them as difficult concepts finally begin to make sense or they begin to see God more clearly in their daily lives. The courage to discover and change that the candidates and catechumens naturally have reminds me of my own need to continually seek conversion in my daily life, always trying to make small decisions that will turn my heart closer to the Lord,” said Kenney.

Next up for the intern:

Pekar has accepted a one-year campus ministry position at the University College Cork in Cork, Ireland. Gilbert is looking to explore her opportunities in nursing and will take science classes while exploring the Saint Francis Healthcare ministry in Peoria, Ill.

Kenney also plans to pursue a career caring for the sick in the medical profession.

The Diocese of Kalamazoo plans to continue its partnership with Notre Dame’s ECHO program with three new interns starting in the fall.
**An Extraordinary Book**

Dorothy Day is alleged to have said: Don’t call me a saint; I don’t want to be dismissed that easily! A new biography on her by her granddaughter, Kate Hennessy, Dorothy Day — The World will be saved by Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of my Grandmother, will, I believe, go a long way in preventing anyone from turning Dorothy Day, soon to officially canonized by the church, into what she feared, a plaster-saint who can be piously doted-upon and then not taken seriously.

We’re all, I’m sure, familiar with who Dorothy Day was and what her life’s work was about. Indeed, Pope Francis in addressing the US Congress, singled out four Americans who, he suggests, connected spirituality to a life of service in an extraordinary way: Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, and Dorothy Day. This new biography gives us an honest picture of who this remarkable woman actually was.

This book is extraordinary for a number of reasons: Kate Hennessy is a very good writer, the book is the product of years of research, she’s Dorothy’s granddaughter and had a very close and special relationship with her, and she manages in telling Dorothy’s story to keep both a healthy critical and aesthetic distance. Her insight is both privileged and rare, privileged because of her intimate relationship with Dorothy and rare because most authors who are that intimately tied to their subject cannot maintain a balanced critical distance. Hennessy admits that doing this was no easy task: “That is the danger of holiness on your own doorstep, in your own family. Either you cannot see it for the view is too close, or if you do, you feel you haven’t a chance of being the person she was. You feel it is a sad mistake that you are related.”

And that combination makes for an extraordinary book that lets us see a side of Dorothy Day we would never see otherwise. Beyond this being a close-up of Dorothy Day, Hennessy shares stories about some of the key people surrounding Dorothy: Her relationship to the man who fathered her child, Foster Battenham, with whom she maintained a life-long friendship. Hennessy’s biography shatters the myth that upon her conversion Dorothy coldly and forever turned her back upon this man. Not true. They remained close their whole lives and Foster, until her death, remained an intimate companion and a faithful supporter.

Central too to this biography is the story of Dorothy’s daughter, Tamar, who, while vitally important in Dorothy’s life, is unfairly absent in virtually everything that’s known about Dorothy in the popular mind. Tamar’s story, which holds its own richness and is not incidental to the history of the Catholic worker, is critical to understanding Dorothy Day. There’s no understanding of Dorothy without understanding her daughter’s story and that of her grandchildren. To understand Dorothy Day you also have to see her as a mother and grandmother.

Hennessy shares how, when her diaries were opened some years after Dorothy’s death, Tamar initially was bitterly resistant to having them released for publication and how that resistance was only lifted when, thanks to the man who transcribed them, Robert Ellisberg, the family and Tamar herself realized that her resistance was rooted in the fact that Dorothy’s diaries themselves were unfair in their neglect of Tamar’s story and the role of her story within the bigger narrative of Dorothy’s life, work, and legacy.

The book is a story too of some of the people who played key roles in founding the Catholic Worker: Peter Maurin, Stanley Vishnewski, and Ade Bethune.

This isn’t a story that follows the classical genre for the lives of the saints, where form is often exaggerated to highlight essence and the result is an over-idealization that paints the saint into an icon. Hennessy highlights that Dorothy’s faith wasn’t a faith that never doubted and which walked on water. What Dorothy never doubted was what faith calls us to: hospitality, non-violence, and service to the poor. In these things, Dorothy was single-minded enough to be a saint and that manifested itself in her dogged perseverance so that at end she could say: “The older I get the more I feel things, Dorothy was single-minded enough to be a saint and that manifested itself in her dogged perseverance so that at end she could say: “The older I get the more I feel that faithfulness and perseverance are the greatest virtues — accepting the sense of failure we all must have in our work, in the work of others around us, since Christ was the world’s greatest failure.”

That being said, her life was messy, many of her projects were often in crisis, she was forever over-extended, and, in her granddaughter’s words: “She was fierce, dictatorial, controlling, judgmental, and often angry, and she knew it. It took the Catholic Worker, her own creation, to teach her her lessons.”

This is hagiography as it should be written. It tells the story of a how a very human person, caught-up in the foibles, weaknesses, and mess that beset us all, can, like St. Brigid, cast her cloak upon a sunbeam and see it spread until it brings abundance and beauty to the entire countryside.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com. Now on Facebook www.facebook.com/ronrolheiser

Standing room only for inaugural Good News & Brews

By Jay Cessna

One May evening a group of people came to Arcadia Brewing Co., Kalamazoo, for two things: to listen to a lecture on the impacts and status of the “Faith and Reason” argument in the Catholic faith, and to see what kind of beer Rev. Francis Marotti drinks (he drinks Hot Mouth).

May 18th marked the debut of Good News & Brews. The formerly known Theology on Tap is a monthly meeting of young adult Catholics that gather at a restaurant, or in this case brew pub, to listen to a speaker talk about a topic that young adults can relate and use to strengthen their faith as well as their character.

Before the meeting could get officially started the Founder/CEO of Arcadia, Tim Suprise, gave a motivating speech welcoming everyone to his bar as well as a new beginning. Suprise, who is also a St. Augustine Cathedral Parish parishioner, affirmed the importance of involvement in faith and building community. He told the group he was particularly happy to lend a hand by hosting Good News & Brews at his popular brew pub. “You made a commitment to be here so that you can be a better you to make a better community,” Suprise said.

The turnout for the first Good News & Brews was impressive. With a literal line out the door of the room where Good News & Brews was being held, Fr. Marotti began his lecture about faith and reason. He explained that due to the 18th century enlightenment of science, religion began to take a back seat. Science had begun to explain with reason what many had believed to be explained with faith. Marotti was intrigued as Marotti told the story of debate between faith and reason and how both have answers that the other could not explain. This was due to what Marotti described as, “People tend to walk past each other when they don’t respect the opinions of the person they’re talking to.”

The takeaway from the inaugural Good News & Brews is that faith and reason should not be treated as adversaries but as equals. “God is the one source of all reality; natural and supernatural,” Marotti concluded. After the lecture, the group then raised their drinks to both faith and reason as well as a new fruitful and enlightening season of Good News & Brews.

The group will meet on the third Thursday of the month. Check www.diokzoo.org for speaker and topic information.

Catholic Charities hosts Teddy Bear Picnic and Fun Run this summer

Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo has two fun-filled family events coming up for the summer. Every year its agency, Caring Network, celebrates the beginning of the summer season with clients, their families, staff, and volunteers at the annual Teddy Bear Picnic. Everyone is invited for lunch, face painting, storytime, and for the opportunity to learn more about Caring Network’s services. The event will be held Wednesday, June 28, Noon – 2 p.m. at Milham Park Pavilion in Kalamazoo. Volunteers are needed to assist at the event as well as bake and donate desserts. If interested contact Jeanne Boehm at 269-381-1234 for more information.

Registration is now open for the Ark in the Dark Firefly 5k fun run. The run will be held on August 19th at 8 p.m. on the grounds of Hackett Catholic Prep. All of the proceeds from the event will go to support Catholic Charities’ The Ark Services for Youth, providing essential services to homeless youth and families in crisis across southwest Michigan. The family-friendly event includes complimentary “camp-themed” snacks after the run and music and much more. Special team and family rates are available. Registration includes a race t-shirt. Contact: 269-381-9800.
DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO — Communications Survey

Thanks for participating in the Diocese of Kalamazoo Communications Survey. Your input is valuable as we evaluate and refine the best ways to communicate key information. I hope you will take a few minutes to fill out this form. Please complete and return the survey by July 15, 2017.

SECTION ONE: General Communication Preferences

How important are each of the following to you as a source of information about the Catholic Church?

Please use the following scale: 4-Very important / 3-Somewhat Important / 2-Not Very Important / 1-Not at all important

- My pastor
- Parish staff and/or parish website
- Diocese of Kalamazoo website
- Email communications from diocesan leaders
- The Good News diocesan newspaper
- The Diocesan Insider weekly emailing
- The Domestic Church monthly newsletter
- What’s Brewing monthly emailing
- My parish bulletin
- Staff working for the diocese
- Parishioners
- Social media, such as the Diocese’s Facebook pages, Twitter and YouTube
- Word-of-mouth
- Blogs
- Other Catholic media (newspapers, magazines, websites, radio, television)
- Secular media such as local newspaper, radio and TV stations
- Other:

How important is news and information about each of the following to you?

Please use the following scale: 4-Very important / 3-Somewhat Important / 2-Not Very Important / 1-Not at all important

- Direct communications from the bishop
- Direct communications from diocesan offices
- News about my parish
- News about other parishes
- News about diocesan events
- National news about Catholic issues and events
- International/Vatican news
- Entertainment/media news
- Profiles of Catholics in the Diocese of Kalamazoo
- Articles on faith formation that deepen my faith and help me grow closer to God
- News about Pope Francis
- News about the Catholic Church’s view on current societal issues

How effective are each of the following tools as a means to communicate news and information to you?

Please use the following scale: 4-Very Effective / 3-Somewhat Effective / 2-Not Very Effective / 1-Not at all Effective

- Local diocesan news
- Parish news
- New clergy appointments
- News releases
- National news
- International or Vatican news
- Entertainment/media news
- Profiles of Catholics in the Diocese of Kalamazoo
- Column by Bishop Paul J. Bradley/The Bishop’s Perspective
- Column by Victoria Cessna
- Column by George Weigel
- Articles that explain the Catholic faith or help me teach it to my loved ones.

How many other people (besides you) usually read or look through your copy of The Good News?

- none
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more

Please select which statements you agree with. (Choose as many as apply)

- I read The Good News to find out about current Church issues
- I read The Good News to examine the Church’s response to controversial issues
- I read The Good News to form my moral beliefs and values
- I read The Good News to get a feeling of community with others
- I read The Good News to find out what the Church authorities are saying
- I read The Good News to get information I can discuss with others
- I read The Good News to learn about the teachings of the Catholic Church
- I read The Good News to find out about parish activities
- I read The Good News to find out about diocesan events

How often do you spend each week reading about Catholic Church news, information, Catholic life or teachings?

- I do not spend any time
- Less than 15 minutes
- 15 – 29 minutes
- 30 – 59 minutes
- 60 minutes or more

SECTION TWO: Current Parish & Diocesan Communication Vehicles

How often do you use the following

- 4-Weekly
- 3-Monthly
- 2-Seldom
- 1-Do not use

- My parish bulletin or website
- Diocese of Kalamazoo website (www.dikzoo.org)
- Diocese of Kalamazoo Facebook page
- Diocese of Kalamazoo YouTube channel
- The Good News monthly (10x/year) diocesan newspaper
- The Diocesan Insider weekly emailing
- What’s Brewing monthly emailing for Young Adults
- The Domestic Church monthly newsletter
- E-mail from diocesan staff or bishop
- Other

SECTION THREE: The Good News, official diocesan publication

Please choose from the following options which best describes your readership of The Good News (published 10 times/year; distributed by insertion in parish bulletins)

- Read every edition
- Skim every edition
- Read every other issue
- Don’t read

Please choose from the following topics/features and mark “A” for always read; “S” for sometimes read and “N” for never read.

- Local diocesan news
- Parish news
- New clergy appointments
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How long do you spend each week reading about Catholic Church issues?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more

SECTION FIVE: RESPONDENT INFORMATION

What is your age?

- 17 and younger
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-up
- Prefer not to answer

Which of the following best describes you?

- Clergy and religious
- Lay parish or school employee
- Lay diocesan staff
- Volunteer at parish or school
- Parishioner
- Other:

How often do you attend Mass?

- More than once a week
- Once a week
- Once a month
- Less than once a month
- Prefer not to answer

Optional:

Parish:

Name:

Please use the space below to make any additional comments or suggestions:

Thank You for Completing Our Survey!
Soy la hermana María Eugenia Gómez Duque de la Congregación Religiosa Misioneras Siervas del Divino Espíritu.

Naci el 23 de noviembre de 1987 en San Vicente, Antioquia en el bello país de Colombia, en una familia campesina y numerosa, siendo la novena hija de 13 hermanos y gracias a Dios porque mis padres José Vicente Gómez y Carmen Tulla Duque aún están vivos.

A mis 14 años de edad fui llamada a vivir a otro pueblo llamado Guarne y allí me gradué en el colegio Santo Tomás de Aquino y luego tuve la oportunidad de conocer y amar al pueblo migrante de diferentes países que llegan a esta zona del país buscando una mejor calidad de vida.

Dios te bendiga,
cia de fe con aquellos que son los amados del Padre Dios.

En mi primera experiencia fui enviada al norte del querido país de Colombia en la Diócesis de Comodoro Rivadavia, donde tuve la oportunidad de conocer y amar al pueblo migrante de diferentes países que llegan a esta zona del país buscando una mejor calidad de vida.

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En mi Tercer Año de Formación. Retiro espiritual de dos días. Tema: Compromiso: Ministerio y vida. Las parroquias están comenzando o han comenzado con los preparativos de quinceañeras. También deben participar los padres de las quinceañeras en el retiro. Temas incluyen: origen de la celebración, responsabilidades como Cristianos, la juventud en la sociedad de hoy y otros temas de importancia. Lugar: Immaculate Conception Parish, 63559 60th Ave, Hartford, MI.

Por favor no deje las donaciones afuera de la puerta de la parroquia al 381-8917. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame a la oficina en 1333 West Lovell St. (esquina de Monroe y Lovell). We will be accepting donations of clothing, food, linens, towels and other items for the migrant families in our area.

Dios los bendiga,
Hna. María Eugenia Gómez Duque

Ministerio con los Campesinos Migrantes

La Diócesis de Kalamazoo tendrá la reunión para comenzar el ministerio con los campesinos los miércoles 7 de junio de 6:00-8:00 p.m. en el Centro Pastoral Diocesano, 215 N. Westnedge Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. La reunión es para todos los voluntarios que ayudarán con el ministerio y para aquellos que quieran ser voluntarios nuevos. En ese día, proporcionaremos material de recursos y contaremos con un experto en la parroquia que tenga sobre el Ministerio Migrante. También es una excelente oportunidad para conocer a otros voluntarios. Si desea ser voluntario o si tiene alguna pregunta, llame al 269-903-0197.

Diciembre de Kalamazoo — Necesidad de ropa, comida y otros artículos para los Migrantes

El verano se está acercando y las familias migrantes empiezan a llegar. Muchos pueden encontrar trabajo, pero a veces no encuentran un trabajo en seguida. Muchas veces están sin trabajo las primeras semanas. Estamos pidiendo donaciones a todas las personas de las parroquias que deseen ayudar a disminuir las dificultades económicas de estas familias recién llegadas.

Desde el 15 de mayo la Parroquia de St. Thomas More comenzará a aceptar donaciones de ropa, comida, sábanas, toallas y artículos para el hogar para el Centro Alemán; todo esto será para las familias migrantes en nuestra área. Se necesita ropa para hombres, mujeres y niños. La ropa debe ser adecuada para el clima cálido y para el trabajo de campo para los adultos (jeans, pantalones cortos, camisas de algodón de manga corta y larga, botas de trabajo o zapatos de tenis). La ropa para niños y bebés debe ser un tipo de ropa que se pueda lavar y de juego (no ropa de vestir o ropa que solo se pueda ser lavada en seco). Los artículos de comida necesarios son: arroz, harina, azúcar, aceite de cocina y tomates enlatados. Los artículos de cocina que son más útiles son: vasos, platos, ollas y sartenes grandes. Otros artículos que se pueden utilizar son: sábanas, mantas, almohadas, toallas, asientos para carros para bebés y niños pequeños, coches y sillas altas para niños. Por favor, no donar microondas o televisores. Los artículos que desean donar pueden ser llevados al garaje de la parroquia de St. Thomas More en 1333 West Lovell St. (esquina de Monroe y Lovell). Estaremos recibiendo donaciones hasta el 5 de agosto. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia al 381-8917.

Por favor no deje las donaciones afuera de la puerta del Centro Alemán. Muchas gracias por su donación.

El Need of Food and other items for Migrants

Summer is near and the migrant families will begin to arrive. Many are able to find a place to live but they may not have a job right away. conference, in which you can experience the joy of knowing that you have contributed to a meaningful cause. This will be an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our own experiences and share stories with others. We will also have a panel discussion with representatives from different organizations who are working with migrants.

The V Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispana: Discípulos Misioneros Testigos del Amor de Dios (Lucas 24, 13-35)

El proceso del V Encuentro de Pastoral Hispana ya ha comenzado en la Diócesis de Kalamazoo al igual que en el resto de la nación. Este proceso de pastoral hispana es una prioridad de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos en su Plan Estratégico del 2017-2020.

Las parroquias están comenzando o han comenzado con los cinco temas del proceso que son: Llamados a un encuentro con amor; Jesús; Con obras y gestos; ¡Atrevete!; Caminando juntos con Jesús; Dando frutos de vida nueva; y Festejando la alegría de ser discípulos misioneros. Estos cinco temas son inspirados por el llamado a estar a la cabeza de la parroquia de Encuentro por el Papa Francisco, La Alegría del Evangelio (#24).

BISHOP BRADLEY'S CALENDAR
June 21 – Fortnight for Freedom Opening Mass, 12:10 p.m., St. Augustine Cathedral (see sidebar) June 24 – Ordination to the Priesthood, 10 a.m., St. Augustine Cathedral July 9 – 10th Anniversary Mass, SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Wayland (Gun Lake) July 21 – 46th Anniversary of the Diocese of Kalamazoo Mass, 12:10 p.m. St. Augustine Cathedral

Bishop Bradley’s Confirmation Schedule
June 10, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Holy Angels Parish, Sturgis June 11, 10:30 a.m., St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw June 25, 10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Parish, White Pigeon July 6 – St. Mary’s Assumption Parish, Bronson

June 10: Knights of Columbus Memorial Golf Outing, Blossom Trails Golf Club, Benton Harbor. Entry fee is $75/golfer, includes 18 holes of golf w/ cart, steak dinner and raffle prizes. Register and pay before June 3 to avoid $25 fee. Check-in at 7 a.m., opening prayer at 7:45 a.m. Sponsorships also available. Contact: Tom Hanley, 269-930-0701, tom.hanley@vailrubber.com.

June 17: God Is! One Day Retreat, SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Wayland. Spiritual renewal retreat with Mike and Lori Pacer of Evangelize All Ministries. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast at 8 a.m. Concludes with Mass at 4 p.m. Cost is $20/person or $30/couple; includes breakfast and lunch. Scholarships available. Contact: Deti Anson, 616-217-6751.

June 19-23: Sister Camp, St. Joseph Parish. Topics include a history of the diocese with Fr. Bob Creagan, 100th anniversary of Fatima and plants of the Bible. Check-in and refreshments begin at 8:15 a.m. Cost is $20 and includes lunch. Registration due June 14. Contact: Sue Annis, 269-217-3678, sannis58@aol.com.

June 24: Ordination to the Priesthood, 10 a.m., St. Augustine Cathedral. Jeffrey Loy and Maximilian Nightengale will be ordained to the priesthood.

July 10-13: Vacation Bible School, St. Edward Parish, Mendon 6-8 p.m. Theme is “Mighty Fortress in Jesus, the Victory is Won!” All children going into grades K-5 welcome. Will include crafts, games, snacks, bible stories. No cost. Contact: Amy Cupp at 269-496-7232.

July 13: Good News and Brews, 7-9 p.m., Arcadia Brewing Company, Kalamazoo. All young adults are invited to enjoy some speakers, engaging topics and fellowship. Contact: Tim McNamara, tmcnamara@diokzoo.org.

July 17-21: Vacation Bible School, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage, 8-4:30 p.m. Theme is “Earthkeepers: Adventures for Creation Care Kids.” Cost: $20/child or $50/family if registered by June 20. More information and registration: stcatherinesiena.org.

Activities around the diocese
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Family Day Mass with Bishop Bradley and Picnic
Saturday, August 19 – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Location: Immaculate Conception Parish, 645 S. Douglas, Towers. Persons with Disabilities and their families are invited to a Family Day Mass and Picnic. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bradley. Food will be provided. There is no cost, RSVP requested by August 11. Contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177 or lirwin@diokzoo.org.

Bishops and lay leaders to gather in Orlando for first Convocation of Catholic Leaders

Continued COVER story
Parish, Hartford; and Sacred Heart Parish, Bangor. Rev. Tom McNally, Vicar Rector, St. Augustine Cathedral; Joy Livingston, Director of Religious Education, St. Margaret Mary Parish, Osage; Tim Liester, CEO, Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo and Dr. Don Bashard, Holy Family Healthcare, Hartford.

The moment is an opportunity for the Church in the United States to examine today’s concerns, challenges, and opportunities in the light of the Church’s mission of evangelization, and to be equipped and re-energized to share the Gospel with others who understand.

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Tireless volunteer donates time to collect food and stuffed animals

By Vicki Cessna

What started out as a casual conversation with a bagel shop owner transformed into a mission for Gene Roberts. Once the St. Augustine Cathedral parishioner and Knights of Columbus discovered that the shop was throwing away bagels each day he knew he had to do something. He offered to pick up the bagels a few times a week and personally deliver them to food banks around the Kalamazoo area.

Today he logs a few hundred miles a month making stops at various grocery stores and other shops and distributes the different baked goods to those agencies that help those in need. And his work is helping local Knights’ Council as well. Roberts logs the amount of food he donates and works with Jeff Cypher, Membership Director for the Knights, who submits his work to the Supreme Council. In return seven Councils have received $500 from the Supreme Council to use towards programs and charity work.

Roberts doesn’t stop with just collecting bagels. Volunteering is in his DNA. He retired in 1995 after working for the same company for 46 years and has a long list of agencies and volunteer work he’s done from counting money at the parish to Tootsie Roll drives and ushering. Along the way he’s also the proud father of eight children and finds time for daily workouts at the Borgess Fitness Center.

Rev. Donald Potts: May 24, 1934 – May 29, 2017

The Rev. Donald G. Potts, age 83, of Cassopolis, died peacefully Monday, May 29, 2017 in his residence, five days after his 83rd birthday and one day after the 57th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood. At preisttime the Mass of Christian Burial was scheduled to be celebrated by Bishop Bradley on Thursday, June 8th, St. Ann Parish, Cassopolis and he was to be laid to rest in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Cassopolis.

He was born May 24, 1934 in Newark, N.J., the seventh of twelve children of Stuckey and Ophelia (Johnson) Potts, Sr. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and seven brothers. Fr. Potts studied for the priesthood at Saint Francis College, Fort Wayne, Ind., Immaculate Conception, Hastings, Neb., Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., New York University, New York, and the University of Madrid, Spain.

He was the first African American priest to be ordained in the city of Newark, New Jersey. He was ordained May 28, 1960 for the Order of the Holy Cross. He was incardinated into the Diocese of Kalamazoo in 1983.

Father Potts’ first parish was Our Lady Queen of Peace, Bridgman, Mich. He then served Immaculate Conception Parish, Three Rivers, St. Clare Mission Parish, Centerville; St. Joseph Mission Parish, White Pigeon and St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw; before being appointed Pastor, St. Ann Parish, Cassopolis, where he retired in 2015 in his 55th year of ordination.

Fr. Potts is survived by his two sisters, Shirley Potts and Audrey Potts; one sister-in-law, Flossie Potts; nine nieces, eight nephews, and many great nieces and great nephews.

Last month Catholic school educators and administrators were recognized at the eighth annual St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Professional Development awards. Hosted by the diocesan Office of Schools, the annual awards offer professional development grants to teachers. This year more than 11,000 was awarded.