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Final Mass celebrated Sept. 24 at St. Henry Church



## Parish story closes in Medaryville

By Caroline B. Mooney  
The Catholic Moment

MEDARYVILLE — Fifty-five faithful gathered at St. Henry Parish here for the church's final Mass on Sept. 24.

In recent years, the number of registered families had dwindled to 12, with just 15 individuals.

Mary Johnson, a member of St. Henry since her birth in

1933, was among those in attendance.

"My dad was here from way back in the 1800s," she said. "I remember the little wooden church we used to have. I wish it was still here."

As a high school freshman, Johnson and other youth got up at 4 a.m. to travel to area churches, selling chicken dinner tickets to raise money for a new church building.

"So we finally got enough

to build it," Johnson said. "There were many, many chicken dinners and a lot of sweat that went into this building. Our parents worked hard for it. My husband and I were the first wedding here in 1951.

"My friend and I were 'angels' and led the First Communion class up," she said. "I raised seven kids and they were all baptized here,

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Above left: Bishop Timothy L. Doherty locks the doors to St. Henry Church in Medaryville after the final Mass on Sept. 24. Above right: Those attending the final Mass gather for a photo on the steps of the church. (Photos by Caroline B. Mooney)

## Bishop Braxton explores issues of racism and inequality

By Jesica E. Hollinger  
The Catholic Moment

WEST LAFAYETTE — Listen, learn, think, pray, then act.

That was the directive issued by Bishop Edward K. Braxton of Belleville, Ill., during his recent talk on "Social Justice, the Catholic Church and the Black Lives Matter Movement" at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

"Every Catholic knows in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that all lives do matter," Bishop Braxton said.

"However, the assertion of this universal truth obscures the sad truth that people of color often have not been included as a part of 'all lives,'" he added.

"Jesus of Nazareth teaches us the commandment of love — we must love God



Bishop Braxton

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## Respect Life Sunday

Respect Life Month is observed every October by the Church in the United States, beginning with Respect Life Sunday, which takes place this year on Oct. 1.

These events kick off the U.S. bishops' 2017-18 Respect Life Program.

The theme for the coming year is "Be Not Afraid" and will be in effect through September 2018.

New materials are produced each year to help Catholics understand, value and become engaged with supporting the God-given dignity of every person — which naturally leads to protecting the gift of every person's life.

Among this year's materials are six brochures, available in English and Spanish, on these topics: "How to Build a Culture of Life," "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing," "What to Do When a Friend Is Considering Abortion," "Understanding Conscience," "Death Penalty: Q & A" and "Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide."

All the brochures may be found online at the U.S. bishops' Web site: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).



# Collections following natural disasters

**A**part from other articles in these pages, it is important that you read my personal support for supply aid where so many are suffering.

With three months left in hurricane season, we have already experienced three storms which extensively damaged two U.S. states and many island territories that belong to the United States and other countries. There are 3.5 million U.S. citizens living in Puerto Rico, which is suffering mightily. Two recent earthquakes in Mexico have killed hundreds and displaced homes, churches and businesses.

The U.S. bishops and local pastors have received many calls about helping, and most parishes have

taken up collections. On our part, aid to U.S. states and territories is channeled through Catholic Charities USA, and aid to people and churches in Mexico and Caribbean Islands will flow through Catholic Relief Services. Each storied agency is sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



Bishop  
Timothy L.  
Doherty

Money and materials can be directed to the agency of your choice, either directly or through your parish or the diocese. All funds received by the diocese will be forwarded.

The need is great and our offerings seem small by comparison. Care of people and churches will take years. But rather than think that our offering makes no difference, I refer you to the

miracle of the loaves and fishes in Matthew, Chapter 14. Like those original disciples, we might ask Jesus, "What is so little among so many?" And like those disciples, we may learn to give something and then let God worry about the outcome.

No one agency or government can handle emergencies like we are seeing. But each agency that has shareable resources and expertise will increase their power through cooperative action. In helping the helpers to sustain their activity, much good can happen.

To learn about Catholic Charities USA, go to <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

Information about Catholic Relief Services is at <https://www.crs.org/>

**Franciscan Health** will host **four hiring events** at its three hospital facilities in western Indiana. At the events, people will have the opportunity to talk with leaders from Franciscan Health facilities in Lafayette, Crawfordsville and Rensselaer. Interested applicants are encouraged to bring copies of their resume. The events will be held at the following times: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Franciscan Health Lafayette East, 1701 S. Creasy Lane, Lafayette (enter through the North Entrance to check in with Human Resources); 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Franciscan Health Crawfordsville, 1710 Lafayette Road, Crawfordsville (enter through the Visitor Entrance and check in at Bonzel Hall); and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, at Franciscan Health Rensselaer, 1104 E. Grace St., Rensselaer (enter through the Main Entrance, and follow the signs for Classroom A & B). For more information or to RSVP, call Human Resources at 765-502-4340 or email [hospcrecruitment@franciscanalliance.org](mailto:hospcrecruitment@franciscanalliance.org). Private appointments are also available and can be made by calling 765-502-4395. Visit [Jobs.FranciscanHealth.org](http://Jobs.FranciscanHealth.org) to see open positions.

Registrations continue to



be accepted for **"Being and Belonging: A Retreat for Separated and Divorced Catholics,"** to be held Oct. 6-8 at **Fatima Retreat House**, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. The retreat is open to individuals of all faiths. Retreatants are invited to relax as they journey with others, listening to their stories and exploring a common loss. The program is intended to help deepen an understanding of the healing process, increase a sense of belonging and help participants discover and affirm that God is with them in their struggles and hope. For more information, call The Pro-Life Family Office of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis at 317-236-1586 or e-mail [dvanvelse@archindy.org](mailto:dvanvelse@archindy.org). To register, call Fatima Retreat House at 317-545-7681.

**Saint Meinrad Archabbey** will hold its **annual pilgrimages** to honor the Blessed Mother at the **Monte Cassino Shrine** on the Sundays in October. The shrine is located one mile east of the archabbey on State Road 62 in St. Meinrad, Ind. At the first event, the newly restored chapel and grounds will be

blessed by Saint Meinrad Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, OSB. The pilgrimages will begin at 2 p.m. Central Time with an opening hymn and a short sermon, followed by a rosary procession. The services end with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and a hymn. Speakers and topics for the pilgrimages are: Oct. 1, Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, OSB, on "Mary: One Who Trusted in the Lord"; Oct. 8, Father Denis Robinson, OSB, on "Mary, Seat of Charity"; Oct. 15, Novice Noel Zamora, OSB, on "Mary Immaculate: Our Lady of the Fiat"; Oct. 22, Father Tobias Colgan, OSB, on "Pondering with Mary" and Oct. 29, Father Julian Peters, OSB, on "Mother of Unfolding Mystery." All are welcome to attend. For more information, call Mary Jeanne Schumacher during business hours at 812-357-6501. For updates on the day of the event, call 812-357-6611.

The **Sisters of Providence** of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and Providence Associates invite people of all faith traditions to join them for Mass at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, in **celebration of the feast day of St. Theodore Guerin**. The Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, located 10 minutes northwest of downtown Terre Haute, and is open to the public. St. Theodore Guerin founded the Sisters of Providence in 1840. She was



**St. Theodore Guerin**

born Ann-Therese Guerin on Oct. 2, 1798, in the village of Etalles in Brittany, France. Mother Theodore came to the United States from France in 1840 to establish a congregation of women religious. After a journey of more than three months, she and her five sister companions arrived at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods to a dense forest and primitive conditions. From those origins, a vibrant congregation was given life that is sustained to this day. People throughout the world continue to contact the congregation for information about St. Theodore Guerin and to request prayers through her intercession. Pilgrimages and tours may be arranged for those who wish to visit the grounds or pray at St. Theodore Guerin's shrine, by contacting the Providence Spirituality & Conference Center at 812-535-2945.



**October 1  
26th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Cycle A Readings:**

1) *Ezekiel 18:25-28*  
2) *Philippians 2:1-11*  
3) *Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32*

**Monday, Oct. 2**

1) *Exodus 23:20-23 or Zechariah 8:1-8*  
2) *Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10*

**Tuesday, Oct. 3**

1) *Zechariah 8:20-23*  
2) *Gospel: Luke 9:51-56*

**Wednesday, Oct. 4**

1) *Nehemiah 2:1-8*  
2) *Gospel: Luke 9:57-62*

**Thursday, Oct. 5**

1) *Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12*  
2) *Gospel: Luke 10:1-12*

**Friday, Oct. 6**

1) *Baruch 1:15-22*  
2) *Gospel: Luke 10:13-16*

**Saturday, Oct. 7**

1) *Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29*  
2) *Gospel: Luke 10:17-24*

**The texts of Scripture readings for the Mass for every day of the week are linked to the diocesan Web site at [www.dol-in.org](http://www.dol-in.org).**

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## Indiana Catholic Bishops' Statement on the Rescission of DACA Executive Order

The Catholic bishops of Indiana support all DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) youth and call upon Congress to act responsibly to provide protection and legal status for these young persons who are contributing to the strength and prosperity of our nation. The decision to end DACA only brings uncertainty and anxiety to families who only want to provide for themselves, their families and contribute to the common good. We join the bishops of the United States and call upon Congress to “immediately resume work toward a legislative solution.” We also call upon all people of good will to urge Congress to provide a path of citizenship for these young persons. It is a matter not only of mercy, but of justice.

While not a permanent solution, DACA did provide

safety and a sense of protection to allow persons to live a normal life. These young people are members of the military, students, employees and leaders within our parishes and communities, using their God-given talents and gifts to contribute to the good of all.

In Indiana, approximately 10,000 Hoosiers and their families will live in anxiety, not knowing what to expect following the president's order. We call upon President Trump not to turn our nation's back on these young people and to instead work with Congress on comprehensive immigration reform that is just and respects the God-given dignity of these vulnerable youths and all immigrants, especially those residing in the United States.

We stand in solidarity  
with DACA youth and their  
families who have been left

unprotected from deportation and fear for their futures in the United States, their home. We say to DACA youth — regardless of your immigration status, you are children of God and welcome in the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church supports you and will advocate for you.

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Most Rev. Donald J.  
Hying, Diocese of Gary

Most Rev. Timothy L.  
Doherty, Diocese of  
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Wayne-South Bend

(September 7, 2017)

## Declaración de los Obispos Católicos de Indiana sobre la rescisión del decreto DACA

Los Obispos Católicos de Indiana apoyamos a todos los jóvenes amparados por DACA (Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia, por sus siglas en inglés) y exhortamos al Congreso a actuar de forma responsable a fin de ofrecer protección y un estatus legal a esos jóvenes que contribuyen al fortalecimiento y a la prosperidad de nuestro país. La decisión de eliminar DACA únicamente aporta incertidumbre y genera ansiedad en familias que solamente desean ganarse el sustento, mantener a sus familias y contribuir al bien común. Nos unimos a los Obispos de los Estados Unidos y apelamos al Congreso para que «reanude inmediatamente su labor para hallar una solución legislativa». Igualmente, hacemos un llamado a todas las personas de buena voluntad para que exhorten al Congreso a proporcionar un camino para lograr la nacionalización de esos jóvenes. No es una cuestión de misericordia únicamente,

sino de justicia.

Si bien DACA no era una solución permanente, ofrecía seguridad y una sensación de protección bajo las cuales estas personas podían llevar vidas normales. Estos jóvenes son miembros de las Fuerzas Armadas, estudiantes, empleados y líderes en nuestras parroquias y comunidades que emplean los dones y talentos que han recibido de Dios para contribuir al bienestar de todos.

En Indiana, aproximadamente 10,000 residentes y sus familias vivirán con la incertidumbre de no saber qué anticipar tras el decreto presidencial. Hacemos un llamado al presidente Trump para que, en vez de dar la espalda a estos jóvenes, trabaje junto con el Congreso para diseñar una reforma migratoria completa que sea justa y respete la dignidad divina de esos jóvenes vulnerables, así como de todos los inmigrantes, especialmente los que viven en los Estados Unidos.

Reiteramos nuestra solidaridad a los jóvenes DACA y a sus familias que han quedado desprotegidos contra la deportación y expuestos al temor de lo incierto de su futuro en los Estados Unidos. A los jóvenes DACA les decimos que, independientemente de su estatus migratorio, ustedes son hijos de Dios y bienvenidos en la Iglesia católica que los apoya y los defiende.

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The full text of the bishops' statement may be found in both English and Spanish on the Web site of the Indiana Catholic Conference: [www.indianacc.org](http://www.indianacc.org).



# Bishop Braxton explores issues of racism, inequality

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with all of our hearts, we must love ourselves and we must love our neighbors — that's actually three commandments."

The Aquinas Educational Foundation invited Bishop Braxton to give the annual address that honors the late Dorothy Day, who was a pioneering voice for social justice and founder of the Catholic Worker Movement.

Jenny Bay, president, says the foundation upholds the Church's intellectual tradition in the service of social justice which Jesus taught and embodied.

"In the midst of the hatred, disrespect and violence in our world today, we need to be constantly reminded that Jesus' love is a just love for all peoples, and we are called to spread that love unconditionally," Bay said.

Bishop Braxton spoke of Jesus' love for the marginalized. He asked the audience to consider how Christ's words speak to them — with special regard to defining their proverbial neighbors in their own lives.

"If we say all lives matter, there is a danger of falsely implying that every group of Americans is facing the same degree of peril, which makes it possible to ignore the pressing issues — like the frequent, violent and fatal treatment of African Americans suspected of misconduct," he said.

Bishop Braxton acknowledged that while Catholics affirm this commandment, it sometimes becomes difficult to obey in the face of complex social, moral and political situations. He pointed to the recent uptrend of street violence in the African-American community and its often brutal ending for those individuals involved.

"Some young men are tried, convicted and sentenced to death on the streets," Bishop Braxton said.

"It's not that we don't realize that some young men of color do bad things, but should they be tried and convicted on the street?" he asked.

Bishop Braxton also addressed the alarming number of abortions in the

black community, with an estimated 14 million African-American abortions since 1974.

"We cannot be silent about the number of African-American males who die at the hands of other African Americans, or the alarming number of abortions that bring an abrupt end to the innocent black lives in their mothers' wombs. Those black lives also matter," he told the crowd.

Quoting a famous passage from George Orwell's "Animal Farm," he illustrated our paradoxical views regarding equality and racism, with regard to deep-seeded beliefs that often perpetuate the desire to categorize and stereotype.

"All animals are equal. All animals are equal," Braxton said as he looked directly at the crowd and repeated the phrase.

"While it started out with the inclusive phrase that 'All animals are equal,' we quickly see what happens with the pigs, who rule the government in Animal Farm. They revise their communal mantra to suit their own needs," Bishop Braxton said.

Throughout time, language has been a tool to control the lower classes, verbally proclaiming equality, when in fact, granting the privileges and power to the chosen elite, he said.

"Freedom of speech, public monuments, white supremacists, neo Nazis, the Ku Klux Klan ... all of this is so particularly challenging and complex for Christians seeking to obey the commandment of love," Bishop Braxton transitioned.

He maintained that the demonstrators who are part of these movements have ignited the issues of social justice in a way that can't be ignored.

"The Catholic Church, the Black Lives Matter movement ... all of this is before us in a way that would not have been expected ... certainly now, as we approach the anniversary of the cruel murder of Dr. Martin Luther King on April 4, 1968 ... surely, as he lay bleeding to death in Memphis ... he



**Bishop Timothy L. Doherty and Bishop Edward K. Braxton visit before Bishop Braxton's presentation in West Lafayette. (Photo by Jessica E. Hollinger)**

would not have thought that 50 years after his death the Ku Klux Klan, the white supremacists, neo Nazis, would be marching and his blood would be shed in vain," Bishop Braxton said.

The events that have transpired from Charleston to Charlottesville have made us observers of a national and public dispute, he said.

"We observe the events without having a serious, honest conversation with any of the participants, since nearly all of our impressions are formed from information gleaned in public media, which is selective in its presentation," he said.

Bishop Braxton expressed the importance of watching a variety of news programming — not just a particular network that supports one's own particular bias.

"Everything we glean is filtered through our imperfect, competitive media and the world you see on Fox News is not the same world you see on BBC, CNN, PBS or MSNBC.

"These are the lenses we deliberately choose that already support our particular viewpoint," he explained.

Bishop Timothy L. Doherty discussed his own efforts to be cognizant of various viewpoints and his daily efforts to improve his own personal race relationships.

"I experience interior racist impulses and work against them daily: in conversation, watching the news, during walks or grocery shopping," he said.

"I am deliberate about opportunities to be neigh-

borly in general, and respectful in the workplace," he added.

Gina Adeyemi, a graduate student at the Moody Bible Institute, said she was inspired by Bishop Braxton's talk and agreed with his point that we are all Christians united by the same deeply fundamental beliefs in Christ's love for us all.

"We are all the body of Christ — not a black church, not a white church. We certainly can't bring souls to Christ if we continue our divisiveness," Adeyemi said.

When asked if she had faced discrimination as a black woman, Adeyemi shared that she had been the victim of both discreet and overt undercurrents of racism.

"I was born off the cuff of segregation, so I didn't personally experience racism until 1990, (when) I was working on my degree to become a social worker and was called the N-word," she added.

Bishop Braxton shared the lessons his family instilled in him as a young black man. He recounted one of the most memorable events of his life, when his uncle took him and his cousin to the funeral of Emmitt Till, a 14-year-old son of Chicago who had been brutally beaten and killed by two white men who accused him of whistling at a white woman while he was in a grocery store in Tallahassee.

Bishop Braxton said that as he got older, he realized the American history presented to him as a child omitted some of the harsh truths about this country's founding fathers.

"Growing up, I never knew that Thomas Jefferson owned slaves, I never knew that George Washington owned slaves ... I never knew that John Carroll, the first bishop and archbishop of the United States in Baltimore, owned slaves.

"Somehow all of that was left out of the books I read in high school," Bishop Braxton said.

He also encouraged the audience to look carefully at the entertainment industry's portrayal of historical events.

"We all know of two famous books, both turned into movies that depict the Civil War. The first book, 'Gone with the Wind,' was written by Margret Mitchell, an Irish Catholic from Atlanta," he said.

"Vivian Leigh and Clark Gable are glorious actors in this romanticized view of the Civil War. While it's a beautiful motion picture, it fails to truly depict the horrors of the war and slavery.

"There is another cinematic account of the Civil War that is much different — 'Twelve Years a Slave,' the autobiography of Solomon Northrup — a man who is enslaved, escapes, then enslaved again.

"Most people are much more comfortable with 'Gone with the Wind' and its lovely music and beautiful costumes.

"What if a parish or school group would sit down and watch 'Gone with the Wind' one night and 'Twelve Years a Slave' the next night, then discuss both?" he asked.

Bishop Braxton addressed the complexities of the relationship between the Catholic Church and the Black Lives Matter movement, addressing the division between the two that occurs as a result of their championship of other movements and issues.

"The movement sees incompatibility between itself and the conservative moral teachings of the Church on same-sex marriage, contraception and abortion, as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights.

"The Black Lives Matter movement doesn't give much thought to the Catholic Church and one may wrongly assume the Church doesn't give much thought to them ... that we are in totally different worlds.

"Those in the movement say the Church is a large, white institution that stands aloof from the confrontational movement ... they think the Church is more a part of the problem than the solution because it is necessary

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# 'Everybody can do something'

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to align with what they call 'white privilege.'

"Because of this, the Black Lives Matter movement feels that it must call attention to this. In terms of the Catholic Church, there is no reliable way to determine how many African-American Catholics feel supported by the Catholic Church and you can be sure that some do — I know many who do in various cities," he added.

Bishop Braxton also challenged the audience to reflect on what it means to be a minority in America and examine the definition of the word — especially how the label affects the opportunities, choices and subsequent lives of those who've been assigned this definition.

"Who decides which American citizens are in a minority group? How many of you out there think you are minorities?" Bishop Braxton pressed.

"Sometimes it seems like an arbitrary and sociologically incorrect way of speaking, a way that is intended to

reinforce white privilege and the racial divide in this country.

"I know most people do not accept this idea, but I think it is true. When you hear the term 'minority groups' in America, you don't think of Jewish Americans, German Americans, Irish Americans ... we think primarily of African Americans, Hispanic Americans and perhaps Asian Americans. ... Why is this?" he asked.

Bishop Doherty said the fact remains that race and skin color prejudices continue to cause pain, and in the course of his lifetime while certain pains have been lessened, some pains have simply been replaced.

"The Church is called to help fix or prevent those mechanisms that harm individuals and communities," Bishop Doherty said.

"Here and elsewhere, Bishop Braxton reminded us of the importance of language. His published criticisms of using the word 'minorities' is very instructive because the term itself marginalizes people who, in

many cases, are the clear numerical majority," he added.

In his closing, Bishop Braxton urged the audience to listen to someone else's way of interpreting events and try to gain understanding in a deeper way.

"When you hear things said (that are) contrary to the Gospel, you can speak up; everybody can do something."

Michael Johnston, incoming president of the Aquinas Foundation, said he will continue with the effort to bring speakers like Bishop Braxton, who address the concerns of the contemporary world.

"Vatican II emphasized that the Church must speak to the world as it is, and not just as we would like it to be," Johnston said.

The foundation promotes educational programs for the Lafayette diocese and members of the Purdue community. Past speakers have included prominent Catholic leaders including the late Cardinal Francis George, John Allen, Father Ron Rolheiser and Carolyn Woo.

## REST IN PEACE



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

**Marlene A. Hinkle**, 84, died Sept. 11. **William E. Wiley**, 92, died Sept. 21. Both were members of St. Paul in Marion.

**Carole Markley**, 84, died Sept. 21. **Claire Brophy**, 88, died Sept. 22. Both were members of St. Maria Goretti in Westfield.

**Lawrence Cavanaugh**, 86, died Sept. 14. He was a member of St. John the Baptist in Tipton.

**Fabiana Miguel Mateo**, 36, died Sept. 19. She was a member of All Saints in Logansport.

**Betty Norris**, 92, died Sept. 13. She was a member of St. Mary in Anderson.

**Juanita Nino**, 78, died Sept. 20. **Mary Boone**, 96, died Sept. 23. Both were members of St. Charles Borromeo in Peru.

**Margaret Louis Mellady**, 93, died Sept. 7. She was a member of Blessed Sacrament in West Lafayette.

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

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Duquaine**

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# Fruitful Harvest 2016

Monthly report — August 2017

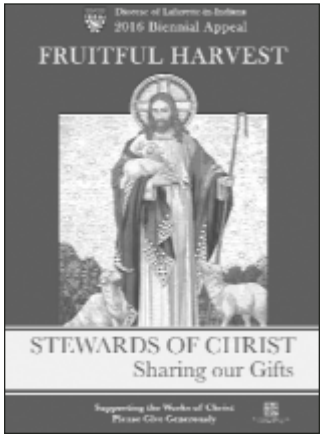
Parish	City	Goal	Pledged	Amount Paid	% Goal Pledged	% Goal Paid	% Pledged Paid
St. Mary	Alexandria	\$67,718.00	\$62,244.00	\$34,358.74	91.9%	50.7%	55.2%
St. Ambrose	Anderson	\$124,686.00	\$110,230.00	\$63,054.73	88.4%	50.6%	57.2%
St. Mary	Anderson	\$186,040.00	\$166,131.45	\$90,144.45	89.3%	48.5%	54.3%
St. Francis *	Attica	\$37,432.00	\$29,850.00	\$19,305.00	79.7%	51.6%	64.7%
Holy Trinity	Bryant	\$41,253.00	\$33,550.00	\$27,140.00	81.3%	65.8%	80.9%
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel *	Carmel	\$1,234,408.00	\$1,489,686.26	\$885,556.11	120.7%	71.7%	59.4%
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Carmel	\$561,517.00	\$568,768.07	\$381,420.07	101.3%	67.9%	67.1%
Sacred Heart of Jesus	Cicero	\$89,220.00	\$129,020.77	\$72,793.87	144.6%	81.6%	56.4%
St. Joseph	Covington	\$14,264.00	\$12,140.00	\$7,555.00	85.1%	53.0%	62.2%
St. Bernard *	Crawfordsville	\$95,085.00	\$95,085.00	\$95,085.00	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
St. Joseph	Delphi	\$54,414.00	\$77,571.50	\$48,409.50	142.6%	89.0%	62.4%
St. Cecilia	DeMotte	\$57,466.00	\$68,575.00	\$51,035.00	119.3%	88.8%	74.4%
St. Mary	Dunkirk	\$12,635.00	\$17,613.00	\$11,068.00	139.4%	87.6%	62.8%
St. Mary	Dunnington	\$13,896.00	\$8,610.00	\$8,410.00	62.0%	60.5%	97.7%
St. John	Earl Park	\$16,578.00	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00	87.5%	87.5%	100.0%
St. Joseph	Elwood	\$66,177.00	\$54,070.20	\$27,396.50	81.7%	41.4%	50.7%
Holy Spirit	Fishers	\$659,031.00	\$746,067.49	\$447,767.06	113.2%	67.9%	60.0%
St. John Vianney *	Fishers	\$102,728.00	\$102,728.00	\$102,728.00	100.0%	100.0%	57.4%
St. Louis de Montfort	Fishers	\$457,567.00	\$418,378.23	\$254,406.99	91.4%	55.6%	60.8%
Sacred Heart	Fowler	\$71,759.00	\$64,185.00	\$53,470.00	89.4%	74.5%	83.3%
St. Francis	Francesville	\$3,712.00	\$6,139.12	\$4,489.00	165.4%	120.9%	73.1%
St. Mary	Frankfort	\$80,960.00	\$87,874.23	\$50,429.23	108.5%	62.3%	57.4%
Holy Family	Gas City	\$41,109.00	\$32,230.00	\$21,680.00	78.4%	52.7%	67.3%
Sts. Peter & Paul	Goodland	\$8,698.00	\$7,828.00	\$7,828.00	90.0%	90.0%	100.0%
St. John the Evangelist	Hartford City	\$45,340.00	\$62,805.00	\$29,535.00	138.5%	65.1%	47.0%
St. Joseph	Kentland	\$33,960.00	\$30,825.00	\$30,825.00	90.8%	90.8%	100.0%
St. Ann	Kewanna	\$7,271.00	\$6,258.00	\$5,415.50	86.1%	74.5%	86.5%
St. Joan of Arc *	Kokomo	\$270,128.00	\$270,128.00	\$270,128.00	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
St. Patrick *	Kokomo	\$242,304.00	\$332,651.00	\$200,916.80	137.3%	82.9%	60.4%
St. Mary Cathedral *	Lafayette	\$307,103.00	\$374,174.86	\$240,953.57	121.8%	78.5%	64.4%
St. Ann	Lafayette	\$106,732.00	\$48,888.75	\$37,582.05	45.8%	35.2%	76.9%
St. Boniface	Lafayette	\$239,689.00	\$254,958.25	\$144,416.22	106.4%	60.3%	56.6%
St. Lawrence	Lafayette	\$288,755.00	\$203,008.37	\$120,698.17	70.3%	41.8%	59.5%
Bishop's Office	Lafayette		\$28,362.92	\$25,422.46			
St. Augusta *	Lake Village	\$48,603.00	\$39,300.00	\$21,310.00	80.9%	43.8%	54.2%
St. Joseph	Lebanon	\$141,106.00	\$233,385.00	\$125,535.25	165.4%	89.0%	53.8%
All Saints	Logansport	\$203,703.00	\$217,679.51	\$148,646.51	106.9%	73.0%	68.3%
St. Paul	Marion	\$179,915.00	\$119,225.30	\$87,187.10	66.3%	48.5%	73.1%
St. Henry	Medaryville	\$3,119.00	\$4,504.12	\$1,625.00	144.4%	52.1%	36.1%
St. Anne	Monterey	\$19,348.00	\$18,250.00	\$13,093.00	94.3%	67.7%	71.7%
Our Lady of the Lakes	Monticello	\$87,295.00	\$61,020.00	\$41,645.29	69.9%	47.7%	68.2%
St. Francis of Assisi	Muncie	\$113,172.00	\$105,957.89	\$53,618.89	93.6%	47.4%	50.6%
St. Lawrence	Muncie	\$114,960.00	\$152,358.48	\$91,200.37	132.5%	79.3%	59.9%
St. Mary	Muncie	\$210,713.00	\$275,010.10	\$161,596.44	130.5%	76.7%	58.8%
Our Lady of Grace *	Noblesville	\$415,045.00	\$590,090.06	\$256,537.80	142.2%	61.8%	43.5%
St. Charles	Otterbein	\$38,357.00	\$46,163.00	\$35,280.00	120.4%	92.0%	76.4%
St. Patrick	Oxford	\$35,732.00	\$42,370.00	\$32,575.00	118.6%	91.2%	76.9%
St. Charles	Peru	\$111,672.00	\$117,921.00	\$85,716.00	105.6%	76.8%	72.7%
Immaculate Conception	Portland	\$65,411.00	\$72,360.00	\$54,495.00	110.6%	83.3%	75.3%
St. Joseph	Pulaski	\$21,199.00	\$30,012.12	\$25,246.00	141.6%	119.1%	84.1%
Sacred Heart	Remington	\$26,725.00	\$31,545.00	\$25,940.00	118.0%	97.1%	82.2%
St. Augustine *	Rensselaer	\$83,080.00	\$101,475.00	\$74,980.00	122.1%	90.3%	73.9%
St. Joseph	Reynolds	\$26,791.00	\$33,298.55	\$18,858.55	124.3%	70.4%	56.6%
St. Joseph	Rochester	\$44,609.00	\$55,025.00	\$35,146.00	123.3%	78.8%	63.9%
St. John the Baptist	Tipton	\$88,655.00	\$92,580.00	\$59,020.00	104.4%	66.6%	63.8%
St. Mary	Union City	\$34,737.00	\$36,125.00	\$26,715.00	104.0%	76.9%	74.0%
Blessed Sacrament	West Lafayette	\$233,100.00	\$204,421.62	\$141,764.79	87.7%	60.8%	69.3%
St. Thomas Aquinas *	West Lafayette	\$194,834.00	\$312,806.80	\$176,617.18	160.6%	90.7%	56.5%
St. Maria Goretti *	Westfield	\$568,185.00	\$568,185.00	\$568,185.00	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sorrowful Mother *	Wheatfield	\$39,429.00	\$39,429.00	\$39,429.00	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
St. Peter	Winamac	\$43,876.00	\$57,048.12	\$38,353.00	130.0%	87.4%	67.2%
St. Joseph	Winchester	\$28,908.00	\$30,910.00	\$20,285.00	106.9%	70.2%	65.6%
St. Alphonsus *	Zionsville	\$338,086.00	\$609,191.43	\$391,289.74	180.2%	115.7%	64.2%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$9,200,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,312,782.57</b>	<b>\$6,737,813.93</b>	<b>112.1%</b>	<b>73.2%</b>	<b>153.1%</b>
*Dovetail Parish							

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

## Fruitful Harvest 2016 Dovetail Report

Parish	City	Dovetail Goal **	Pledged	Amount Paid	% Pledge Paid
St. Francis Xavier	Attica	\$52,000.00	\$29,850.00	\$19,305.00	64.67%
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Carmel	\$400,000.00	\$1,489,686.26	\$885,556.11	59.45%
St. Bernard	Crawfordsville	\$200,000.00	\$184,030.25	\$103,854.50	56.43%
St. John Vianney	Fishers	\$750,000.00	\$369,828.34	\$201,303.09	54.43%
St. Joan of Arc	Kokomo	\$350,000.00	\$749,089.00	\$467,340.22	62.39%
St. Patrick	Kokomo	\$400,000.00	\$332,651.00	\$200,916.80	60.40%
St. Mary Cathedral	Lafayette	\$400,000.00	\$374,174.86	\$240,953.57	64.40%
St. Augusta	Lake Village	\$50,000.00	\$39,300.00	\$21,310.00	54.22%
Our Lady of Grace	Noblesville	\$300,000.00	\$590,090.06	\$256,537.80	43.47%
St. Augustine	Rensselaer	\$70,000.00	\$101,475.00	\$74,980.00	73.89%
St. Thomas Aquinas	West Lafayette	\$514,232.88	\$312,806.80	\$176,617.18	56.46%
St. Maria Goretti	Westfield	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,004,211.01	\$802,082.89	40.02%
Sorrowful Mother	Wheatfield	\$155,000.00	\$211,324.31	\$88,497.93	41.88%
St. Alphonsus	Zionsville	\$851,000.00	\$609,191.43	\$391,289.74	64.23%
** Includes parish Fruitful Harvest goal					

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## COMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER 2017

- 1 — Respect Life Sunday  
 2 — Red Mass and Dinner, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carmel  
 — Ecclesial Lay Ministry (ELM) pastoral skills workshop "Ministry I: Calling Forth Gifts for Ministry," Part 2, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., St. Joan of Arc, Kokomo  
 3 — ELM pastoral skills workshop "Law I: Canon and Civil Law for Ministry," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmel  
 5 — New Parish Catechetical Staff Day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Lafayette  
 7 — "The Bible for Liturgical Readers," free training for liturgical readers, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., St. Francis of Assisi, Muncie  
 — Pre-Cana marriage preparation conference in Spanish, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmel (registration required; limit: 25 couples)  
 14 — ELM pastoral skills workshop "Communications I: Listening," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville  
 — ELM pastoral skills workshop "Leadership I: Goal Setting and Mission Planning," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Ann, Lafayette  
 15 — World Mission Sunday  
 20-22 — CRUX Camp Fall Adventure for girls, Oakbrook Valley Camp, Russiaville

### NOVEMBER 2017

- 1 — All Saints Day, Bishop's Office/Catholic Pastoral Center closed  
 2 — All Souls' Day  
 — Administrative Professionals Day of Reflection, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Joseph Retreat and Conference Center, Tipton  
 4 — Missionary Discipleship Conference, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carmel  
 5-11 — National Vocation Awareness Week  
 8 — Principals meeting, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Joan of Arc, Kokomo  
 11 — Pre-Cana marriage preparation conference, 8:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., St. Alphonsus Liguori, Zionsville (registration required; limit: 20 couples)  
 — ELM pastoral skills workshop "Leadership II: Styles, Functions and Models of Leadership," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Ann, Lafayette  
 — ELM pastoral skills workshop "Communications II: Ministerial Relationships," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville  
 13 — ELM pastoral skills workshop "Ministry II: Volunteers and Collaboration," Part 1, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., St. Joan of Arc, Kokomo  
 13-16 — U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops fall general meeting, Baltimore  
 14 — ELM pastoral skills workshop "Law II: Using Church Documents in Ministry," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmel  
 16-18 — National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), Indianapolis  
 17-19 — CRUX Camp Fall Adventure for boys, Oakbrook Valley Camp, Russiaville  
 18 — Pre-Cana marriage preparation conference, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., St. Lawrence, Lafayette (registration required; limit: 25 couples)  
 19 — Diocesan V Encuentro Gathering, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Retreat and Conference Center, Tipton  
 20 — ELM pastoral skills workshop "Ministry II: Volunteers and Collaboration," Part 2, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., St. Joan of Arc, Kokomo  
 23-24 — Thanksgiving holiday, Bishop's Office/Catholic Pastoral Center closed

### DECEMBER 2017

- 3 — First Sunday of Advent  
 6 — Lafayette Diocesan Foundation, Inc. Board meeting, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Bishops Residence  
 8 — Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop's Office/Catholic Pastoral Center closed  
 12 — Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 25-26 — Christmas holiday, Bishop's Office/Catholic Pastoral Center closed

### JANUARY 2018

- 1 — Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, Bishop's Office/Catholic Pastoral Center closed  
 10 — Principals meeting, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Joseph Retreat and Conference Center, Tipton  
 20 — ELM pastoral skills workshop "Leadership III: Conflict Resolution and Consensus Building," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Ann, Lafayette  
 28 - Feb. 3 — National Catholic Schools Week

## FROM BISHOP DOHERTY'S OCTOBER SCHEDULE

**Monday, Oct. 2** — Red Mass, 5:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carmel

**Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 4-7** — *Amoris Laetitia* Symposium, Boston

**Sunday, Oct. 8** — Confirmation, 1 p.m., Sacred Heart of Jesus, Cicero

**Monday, Oct. 9** — Bishops and health-care leaders meeting, noon, Indianapolis

**Tuesday, Oct. 10** — Meeting with Purdue Catholic men, 5 p.m., Bishops Residence

**Wednesday, Oct. 11** — Mass, 11 a.m., Diocesan Priests Retreat, Tipton

**Sunday, Oct. 15** — Confirmation, 2:30 p.m., All Saints, Logansport

**Monday, Oct. 16** — Food security discussion for World Food Day, 2:30 p.m., Fowler Hall, Purdue University, West Lafayette

— Dinner meeting with religious leaders, 4:45 p.m., West Lafayette

**Tuesday, Oct. 17** — Presbyteral Council meeting, 10:30 a.m., St. Mary, Frankfort

— Panel and discussion for "A Civil Conversation on Our Christian Differences: The Reformation at 500 Years," 7 p.m., Duncan Hall, Lafayette

**Wednesday, Oct. 18** — Diocesan Review Board, 5 p.m., Bishops Residence

**Thursday, Oct. 19** — Lafayette Deanery meeting, 1:30 p.m., Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette

— Trinity Free Clinic Board of Directors meeting, 5:30 p.m., Carmel

**Saturday, Oct. 21** — Solemn profession of Sister Christiana Maria, 1:30 p.m., Regina Mater Monastery, Kokomo

**Sunday, Oct. 29** — Mass, 9:30 a.m., Holy Trinity, Trinity



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# Parish served Medaryville community for more than 145 years

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**Mary Johnson**

some of them were married here."

Johnson now has registered as a parishioner at St. Francis Parish, Francesville.

The churches share a common history as Monon railroad mission stops for priests from Lafayette, Winamac and Reynolds from 1855 to 1878. Masses were celebrated in private homes until frame churches were built for a dozen households at Francesville in 1867 and Medaryville in 1868.

Between 1878 and 1888, Franciscan friars from Reynolds rode the train to the missions. Then Fort Wayne diocesan priests from San Pierre, North Judson, Winamac and Reynolds occasionally came until the celebration of Sunday Mass ceased at Medaryville in 1914 and the Francesville mission closed in 1920.

In 1933, San Pierre's pastor began weekly Sunday Masses at Francesville for the first time in its history. In 1939, Father Gilbert Esser, from Saint Joseph's College, Rensselaer, substituted at both missions.

In 1949, Bishop John Bennett permitted St. Henry Church to be built and dedicated the building on May 27, 1951. It had a seating capacity of 220.

In 1957, priests were assigned to pastor St. Henry



**St. Henry Church was dedicated in May 1951. (Photos by Caroline B. Mooney)**

with St. Francis, Francesville, as a mission parish.

In 1979, Bishop Raymond Gallagher returned both missions to the care of the Precious Blood missionaries in Rensselaer.

Bishop William L. Higi clustered the two churches with St. Joseph Parish, Pulaski, from 1985 until Jan. 13, 1991, when he established the parish of St. Francis Solano-St. Henry.

The Precious Blood Cluster was formed in 2013, which included St. Henry, St. Francis, St. Peter Parish, Winamac, and St. Joseph, Pulaski. Recently, Sunday Mass was celebrated just twice a month at St. Henry.

Bishop Timothy L. Doherty was principal celebrant for the closing Mass at the

parish, with Father Leroy Kinnaman, administrator, concelebrating.

"It is an interesting thing to be a bishop and step into the middle of the history of a diocese that goes back to 1944, and the area of people here where Catholic bishops and priests were operating from about 1858," Bishop Doherty said in his homily. "There is no way I can encapsulate in words the feeling of coming here today for the last Mass. But the history of the parish kind of reflects some of this."

"The congregation here at Medaryville has always been changing," he said. "When we first got a priest to come here in 1869, the congregation was registered at 100. By 1907, it was 74. We have many places in our diocese

that reached their population height about the year 1880. Then, because railroads moved, state highways came in a little further from town, interstate highways came a little further away, and agriculture required fewer people to maintain farms, all of our communities have been changing shape. And Indiana is no different."

Indiana's population hasn't grown in 10 years, but five or six cities in the state have grown, showing that smaller communities are emptying out.

"You like to say it's all relative, but if you grew up here and these places are somehow sacred to you and evoke memories of people who loved us over time, it's very difficult to make deci-

sions to move," Bishop Doherty said.

"Life has always been an improvisation," he said. "People have improvised how we would be a church here in Indiana. I suspect our history in this state is no different than most other places. So you have experienced growth and shrinkage, consolidation, service from different parishes, gone from being a mission to a parish. Now the forces of history and the simple economics both of people and of money have brought us to a decision that it would be best to consolidate our efforts at other parishes."

Historical accounts of the Fort Wayne diocese and the newly established Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana show parish names that don't exist anymore, and sometimes whole towns no longer exist.

"It's part of our mortal journey where we imagine that things might be permanent, but they aren't," Bishop Doherty said. "There's no real soothing way to look at this. You've had a long time to think about it and talk about it, but it is part of a long trajectory in the history of the Church in the state of Indiana. ... So we share in this moment this morning, before Christ, before the Gospel, before the hard work of all the men and women, the parishioners who have been here over such a long time, to acknowledge that it's time for a change. It requires a spiritual strength and outlook that I think we can rise to."

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# 'Let us give thanks and may that spirit follow us ...'

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"In the end, I think you and I will sit before the altar before Christ and simply say, 'You got us this far, now give us the wisdom and strength to know how to carry on,'" he said. "The wisdom and strength that we need is for us to be the Church. That is, the Church is made up of members who can live a life of faith, hope and charity, who can love God and love their neighbors as themselves wherever they are. That's hard to say, that's hard to live, because the buildings in which we worship become dear to us.

"People of faith and wisdom understand that faith exists here (in the heart) and I hope it exists in your friendships and your commitments to one another and places where you carry on with your pastors and your worship as time goes forward," Bishop Doherty said. "So it's a time of sadness, but it's a time also to take into account how God can work in the middle of people. We have a lot to be thankful for. ... For the steadiness that we have and the good fortune that we enjoy, let us give thanks and may that spirit of thankfulness follow us wherever the road goes from here."

After Mass ended, everyone processed outside and watched the bishop lock the church doors for the last time.

"By symbolically locking

the doors, Bishop Doherty officially closes the doors of St. Henry Church," Father Kinnaman said.

"Suppressing a parish or closing a church building is one of the most difficult decisions a bishop must make," he said. "The same is true of parish mergers. Whether it is because of declining Sunday attendance, whether the facilities are falling apart and the parish cannot afford the necessary repairs, or a number of other unfortunate conditions, a community of Christ's faithful is being asked to fundamentally alter their way of life.

"With parish mergers and suppressions becoming more frequent, every person at St. Henry's has had the opportunity to be a part of the process in these matters over the past 18 months," Father Kinnaman said. "In so doing, our community leaves a sacred building where, for decades, they celebrated baptisms, first Communions, marriages, funerals, parish parties, fond memories and so on. This leaves some to look forward to their new parish community, others sad and, not unusually, some mad.

"While this is happening all over the United States, the closing is still a hard pill to swallow," he said. "My prayer is for all the faithful of St. Henry's see this closing as a new chapter and new life in their lives. I'm just really sorry that St. Henry

has to be closed. I feel my own sense of loss in the midst of it all."

Father Joseph Grace, 94, was assigned as St. Henry's pastor in 1958.

"I had to take care of Francesville and Medaryville, so I divided my time between the two for five years," he said. "The people were very faithful Catholics, very conscientious in practicing their faith. They were bringing their children up in the Church — I really appreciated working with them."

"St. Henry was a wonderful first pastorate experience to work my way in," said Father Bob Williams, who was assigned there from 1974-79. "St. Henry's had 35 families, and St. Francis had 35 families. I learned a lot. It was a small rural community and I liked that. People were very welcoming, very downhome and delightful. I loved all my time there and have many happy memories."

Victor Rodriguez was a parishioner since 1962, and volunteered in many capacities, including as a greeter and an extraordinary minister of holy Communion.

"The church used to be packed with a lot of Hispanic people who worked on farms in the area," he said. "I miss all the friendly people we used to see. Some have moved away, others have passed away."

Helen Ford has also been an extraordinary minister of

holy Communion and used to lead the rosary before Mass.



Helen Ford

was here. He always prepared the meat and the parish brought in the side dishes and desserts."

While cleaning out St. Henry, two bells were found in the bell tower — one was originally intended for the church and the other bell came from Saint Joseph's College, Rensselaer, via Father Gilbert Esser, CPPS, who was on the college faculty and served as pastor of St. Henry and St. Francis from the late 1940s to the early 1950s. Father Esser put both bells in St. Henry's belfry in order to sound the Angelus properly.

Dave Harper, a St. Henry parishioner since 1987, removed the bells with the help of two sons.

"I remember the bells ringing maybe once back in the '80s, and then I think the rope snapped," he said. "When we found two bells were in there, we used my bucket truck to unbolt them and then brought in a crane to lower them to the ground.

"Saint Joe's is very

"I miss the Passover dinners we used to have when Father Paul White, CPPS, (administrator from 1991-2012)

pleased to get the bell back. They are very positive that the college is going to exist in some form in the next few years and hope to refinish the bell for display," Harper said.

"I am sad to see St. Henry close — I raised my four children here," he said. "The bishop did a wonderful job explaining things — I don't envy him. Change is part of life, but I don't like change. I'm going to miss this church a lot."

Max Delgado was a parishioner since 1942 and remembers the old wooden church building.

"My family moved here when I was young, so this is my church," he said. "I have 10 kids, and we would come every week and take up an entire pew. I never missed church if I could help it. I'm really going to miss this."

Rachel Morris, secretary for the Precious Blood Cluster parishes, said that "ever since the cluster it's been a close-knit parish and St. Henry is going to be very much missed by parishioners. Everyone bonded together over the years. I hope they will feel welcomed at the other parishes and still maintain the memories of their home parish."



Max Delgado

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### "40 Days for Life" campaign

LAFAYETTE — All are invited to join in the fall campaign of "40 Days for Life" — an international effort of 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. This year's fall campaign began Sept. 27 and will continue through Nov. 5. A peaceful prayer vigil will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day in the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood office at 964 Mezzanine Drive. A kick-off rally and balloon launch will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, outside the Planned Parenthood office. Signups for the daily vigil are available online at [www.40daysforlife.com/lafayette](http://www.40daysforlife.com/lafayette). For more information or to volunteer to help, call or text Patricia Cole at 331-302-0213 or e-mail [ccdelphi2016@yahoo.com](mailto:ccdelphi2016@yahoo.com).

### "Walk with a Doc"


RENSSELAER — Franciscan Health Rensselaer is a local sponsor in the current national "Walk with a Doc" program. The final one-hour walk will begin at noon at Brookside Park, at Hall Pavilion near the soccer fields, on Wednesday, Oct. 4. The event is free and open to all members of the community. To register, visit [FranciscanHealth.org/walkrensselaer](http://FranciscanHealth.org/walkrensselaer). A medical professional will begin the walk with a short talk about a health-related topic. Snacks and water will be provided.

### "Shannon Smiles 5K" and fall festival

FISHERS — All are invited to join St. Louis de Montfort Parish in welcoming autumn with a luau-themed fall festival and the "Shannon Smiles 5K Family Run/Walk" on Saturday, Sept. 30. The day will begin at 8 a.m. with the run/walk, followed by the annual fall festival from 2 p.m. to 11

**KIDS' PAGE ANSWERS**

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p.m. The race and festival are open to all. Admission to the festival is free. Individual registration for the 5K is \$25 per person. Family registration is offered at a reduced price. For more information about the festival and 5K, visit the Web site at [www.sldmfishers.org/festival-home](http://www.sldmfishers.org/festival-home).

### "You're Worth It" retreat for women

CARMEL — Catholic author and speaker Danielle Bean will visit St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on Saturday, Sept. 30, to present a half-day retreat for women based on her book "You're Worth It." The retreat will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish's Social Hall. Participants will explore the life-changing truth about Jesus' unique and personal love for women, walk alongside women of the Gospels and reflect on what it means to be loved by a God who longs to bless them, help them, heal them, forgive them and give them a voice. Live music during the retreat will be offered by Clara Duray and time for personal reflection will be

included. For more information, contact Deanna Boyce at [deannaboyce@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deannaboyce@sbcglobal.net). For online registration, visit <http://bit.ly/SetonDBean>

**2017 Friends of the Poor Walk and family festival**  
ANDERSON — All are invited to attend the 2017 Friends of the Poor Walk and family festival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Highland Middle School. The annual event is hosted by the Good Shepherd Conference of St. Vincent de Paul. The day will begin with booths, games and activities at 11 a.m. The walk will begin at noon. Participants in the walk are asked to make a financial donation that will help families in need in the Anderson community. The festival also will feature music, concessions, a dunk tank, petting zoo, pumpkin decorating, cakewalk, face painting, a silent auction, pies and flowers for sale, moon walk, canine demo and helicopter fly-in. Those who are unable to attend are invited to help online at [www.fopwalk.org](http://www.fopwalk.org); look for the Good Shepherd Conference.

### Women's day of reflection: "Joy While Carrying the Cross"

LEBANON — St. Joseph Parish will host its second annual women's day of reflection from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the parish. The theme for the day will be "Joy While Carrying the Cross." The event will feature guest speakers, adoration and time for reflection. Cost is \$25 per person. Cost includes lunch and snacks. To register, visit the Web site at [www.stjoeleb.org](http://www.stjoeleb.org).

**October: month of the holy rosary**  
FISHERS — St. Louis de Montfort School and Knights of Columbus Council 6923 invite all to join in prayer for all the intentions close to their hearts during the month of October, the month of the holy rosary. After every weekend Mass in October (5 p.m. Saturdays and 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays), all are invited to stay and pray the rosary in church, led by a rosary leader. On

Friday, Oct. 13, the 100th anniversary of one of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, the first annual living rosary will be prayed at 8 a.m. in the church. On Saturday, Oct. 14, all are welcome to join in the national rosary rally at noon in front of the Fishers Municipal Building, Center Green.

### Open house at The O'Connor House

CARMEL — All are invited to celebrate Respect Life Sunday with a visit to The O'Connor House, located at 45 Village Drive, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1. The free open house will feature tours, coffee and doughnuts, and an opportunity to learn more about this ministry that shares the love of Jesus by providing shelter, food, clothing, transportation, counseling and more to help transform the lives of single, pregnant, homeless women and their children. Please send RSVPs (optional) or questions to [info@theoconnorhouse.org](mailto:info@theoconnorhouse.org). More information also is available online at [www.theoconnorhouse.org](http://www.theoconnorhouse.org).

### Life Chain/Westfield

WESTFIELD — The ninth annual Life Chain in Westfield will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, at the intersection of Union Street and State Road 32. The event will be held rain or shine. Signs will be distributed beginning at 2:15 p.m. from Hadley Park in downtown Westfield. All are welcome to attend. Participants also are encouraged to bring consumable baby items (diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, etc.) to be donated to moms and babies in need in Hamilton County. For more information, call Susan Morris at 317-896-5164 or e-mail [westfieldlifechain@gmail.com](mailto:westfieldlifechain@gmail.com).

**Life Chain/Noblesville**  
NOBLESVILLE — All are invited to participate in the 17th annual Noblesville Life Chain, to be held from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, in downtown Noblesville. Participants will stand in the form of a cross on 10th and Conner streets. This is an international hour of silent prayer for the nation and public witness on

behalf of the unborn at risk of elective abortion.

### Transitus of St. Francis

LAFAYETTE — All are invited to join in celebrating the Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi (his passing into eternal life) at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, at St. Boniface Church, 318 N. Ninth St. A reception will follow in the St. Michael Center across from the church. The St. Boniface Secular Franciscans welcome all to attend.

### Blessing of animals

ZIONSVILLE — In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, all are invited to bring family pets for a blessing at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, in front of the parish hall at St. Alphonsus Liguori Church. Those attending are asked to have all animals on leashes or in cages.

### Rummage sale/Noblesville

NOBLESVILLE — The Altar Rosary Society of Our Lady of Grace Parish will hold its annual rummage sale from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, and 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Oct. 6. Friday will be \$3 bag day. All are welcome to attend.

### Eucharistic adoration

DEMOTTE — All are invited to join in Eucharistic adoration from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, at St. Cecilia Church, 334 15th St. SW. Refreshments and the opportunity for conversation will follow. The evening is sponsored by St. Cecilia's Young Adults.

### Rummage sale/Rensselaer

RENSSELAER — St. Augustine School will hold its annual rummage sale from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 7, in the basement of St. Augustine Church, 318 N. McKinley Ave. Fill a grocery bag for \$3 on Friday; fill any size bag or box for \$1 on Saturday. Donations of items for the sale can be brought to the church basement beginning at noon Sunday, Oct. 1, and continuing until noon Thursday, Oct. 5. Clothing, household items, toys, etc. should be clean and suitable for sale. Electrical and baby equipment can no longer be accepted. All are welcome to attend.



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

**Legion of Mary**

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

**Fall cemetery cleanup**

LAFAYETTE — The fall cemetery cleanup at St. Boniface Cemetery will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7. (Backup date will be Oct. 14.) All articles and decorations are subject to cleanup. Any personal items or decorations must be removed before the cleanup date. They may be returned to their designated areas after cleanup.

**Women's retreat**

LAFAYETTE — St. Boniface Parish will host its annual women's retreat from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, in the church and school gym. The day will include Mass, presentations, breakfast and lunch, time for questions and answers, recitation of the rosary, adoration and the opportunity for confession. Guest speaker for the day will be Joan Watson, a daughter of the parish who is now director of adult formation for the Diocese of Nashville, Tenn. She will speak on "Women of Salvation History: Lessons in Fortitude, Femininity and Fidelity." Suggested donation for the day is \$15 per person. For more information or registration, call or text Elizabeth Bonner at 765-413-9458 or e-mail emcroesel@gmail.com.

**Pumpkinfest and Oktoberfest**

ZIONSVILLE — St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish invites all to attend the 2017 Pumpkinfest and Oktoberfest, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, on Saturday, Oct. 7. Pumpkinfest will offer free outdoor family fun from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the parish's athletic field. Children will have the opportunity to enjoy a hayride to the pumpkin patch where they will be able to choose a

pumpkin to decorate. There also will be hot dogs, face painting and a Halloween costume raffle. There is no cost to attend; donations will be accepted. Following the Pumpkinfest will be the annual St. Alphonsus Oktoberfest, for guests age 21 and older. The adult evening of camaraderie and entertainment will kick off at 6:30 p.m. with live music by the Alpine Express and continue to midnight. German food and beer will be available. Admission is \$10 per person. Proceeds will benefit local food pantries and other Knights of Columbus charities.

**Oktoberfest**

NOBLESVILLE — Knights of Columbus Council 9706 and the Raise the Roof Committee will sponsor Our Lady of Grace Parish's seventh annual Oktoberfest from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. The event will feature German food, craft beer and wine, desserts by the Altar Rosary Society, live music by Charlies Pocket, and fun and games for the entire family. Cost is \$7 per meal, with extra bratwurst/mettwurst available for \$3. Menu items will include bratwurst/mettwurst, sauerkraut, potato, red cabbage, lemonade, iced tea, soft hot pretzels (\$2) and assorted desserts (\$2). The Raise the Roof reverse raffle will be held to help fund a new roof for the church and offices. Raffle tickets are \$100 each (cost includes two meals). All tickets will be drawn and the final three tickets will be the grand prize winners of \$1,000, \$3,000 and \$6,000. Net non-raffle proceeds from the event will benefit charities including Birthright of Cicero and St. Vincent de Paul, local seminarian needs and the parish. All are welcome to attend.

**"All That Jazz Gala"**

KOKOMO — The St. Vincent Kokomo Foundation hosts a themed gala each year to honor retiring health-care providers and to raise funds for hospital projects that will benefit the community. This year, the public is invited to enjoy a 1920s themed reception from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. The event will be held on the third



floor of the historical former home of the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows, 325 N. Main. The evening will include live music, dancing, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Cost is \$50 per person. Although not required, those attending are encouraged to dress in the style of the 1920s. For more information or reservations, call Todd Moser at 765-456-5406. Reservations are required and all payments are due by Oct. 2. Proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent Kokomo Cancer Center and Women's Center.

**Miniseries on the corporal works of mercy**

NOBLESVILLE — Our Lady of Grace Parish will continue its Monday night miniseries about the corporal works of mercy, with October's focus on sheltering the homeless. Sessions will begin at 7 p.m. in the chapel with evening prayer. The programs will follow in Room 3. Topic for Oct. 9 will be "What Can I Do?" with a discussion and chance to learn about Catholic teaching regarding homelessness and migration, how to pray for those who are homeless and opportunities to take personal action to address homelessness. Topic for Oct. 23 will be "My Name Is Not Homeless," featuring a closer look at the homeless with Chad Riddle of The Pourhouse, an outreach organization addressing homelessness in Indianapolis. The evening will offer an opportunity to learn more about who 'the homeless' are, what it means to be homeless and what the Bible teaches about homelessness. The programs are free and open to all. Donations of new men's athletic socks will be accepted, but are not required for attendance.

**Rosary at the grotto**

ALEXANDRIA — All are invited to gather at the grotto at St. Mary Church to pray the rosary at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13. The evening is one of a series planned by the Daughters of Isabella

Catholic women's group to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Those attending are encouraged to bring rosaries, lawn chairs or blankets. Prayers will be offered for peace in families, communities, the country and the world. If raining, bring umbrellas; in case of stormy weather, the rosary will be recited in the church.

**Rosary rally/Lafayette**

LAFAYETTE — In honor of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, the rosary will be prayed at noon Saturday, Oct. 14, in the chapel at Franciscan Health Lafayette Central, 1501 Hartford St. Those attending will pray 20 decades of the rosary for peace in families, across the country and around the world. All are welcome to attend. Please use the 14th Street entrance. (Wheelchair access is not available at this entrance.) For more information, call or text Linda Rafacz at 317-313-1949.

**Rosary rally/Fishers**

FISHERS — All are invited to attend a rosary rally in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, with prayers for our country and the conversion of sinners, at noon Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Center Green, Municipal Complex, Fishers (116th and Municipal streets). Father Travis Stephens, associate pastor of St. Louis de Montfort Parish, and Father Tony Rowland, administrator of St. John Vianney Parish, plan to lead the rally. For more information, call Mary Heller, rally captain, at 317-664-1652.

**"Catholicism:****The Pivotal Players"**

WEST LAFAYETTE — St. Thomas Aquinas Parish invites all to its next presentation from Bishop Robert Barron's new film series "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players." The series explores the lives of individuals who shaped the Church and changed the world. The next presentation will begin at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, in Newman Hall (lower level of the church). Beatriz Cisneros will lead the session focusing on St. Catherine of Siena. A free dinner will be provided and the evening's discussion will end at 7:30

p.m. The series will continue on Monday, Oct. 23, with the second part of the segment about St. Catherine of Siena. On Nov. 6 and 13, Dr. Tom Ryba will lead sessions covering St. Thomas Aquinas. All sessions will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with a free dinner. All are invited to attend one or all of the upcoming presentations. For more information, e-mail Eileen Strater at eileen@boilercatholics.org.

**"A Civil Conversation on Our Christian Differences"**

LAFAYETTE — The Aquinas Educational Foundation and the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana invite all Catholics and Protestants to attend "A Civil Conversation on Our Christian Differences" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, in Duncan Hall, 619 Ferry St. The conversation will be led by Bishop Timothy L. Doherty and the Rev. John Armstrong, co-founder of the Mundelein Catholic-Evangelical Encounter in Chicago.

**Family health fair**

LAFAYETTE — A family health fair will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, in the St. Lawrence Social Hall, 1916 Meharry St. Flu shots and pneumonia shots will be available; bring insurance cards. Many health-care representatives will be at the fair with valuable information. The afternoon also will feature door prizes, free popcorn and ice cream. The fair is being sponsored by the Parish Nurse Ministry. All are welcome to attend.

**Grief support meeting**

LAFAYETTE — The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception will offer a grief support meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, in the Bishop Bennett Room. This is a time to join others in prayer and reflection as loved ones are remembered. Those attending are welcome, but not required, to share their stories. Refreshments will be served. Grief support meetings also will be held on Nov. 16, Jan. 18 and Feb. 15. Each meeting stands alone, so participants are welcome to come as little or as often as they would like.