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Bishop Timothy L. Doherty speaks at the Feb. 18 celebration at the cathedral in Lafayette. Right: Catechumens sign the Book of the Elect. (Photos by Caroline B. Mooney)



## Life stories, faith stories 'full of God's spirit'

By Caroline B. Mooney  
The Catholic Moment

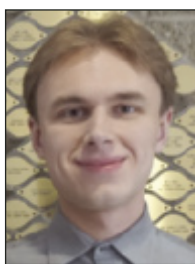
LAFAYETTE — Nathan Wiehoff, 25, explored many religions, but happiness was elusive. As he looked around, he felt that there was not a God and labeled himself an atheist.

But on Jan. 6, 2017, he met a woman named Krystle, who became his best friend and led him to the

Catholic Church.

"My world just expanded by so much. It's much more wonderful and rich and amazing than I had ever thought," said Wiehoff, a candidate in the RCIA at St. John Vianney Parish, Fishers.

"The great realization I had is that God loves me ... and



Nathan Wiehoff

all these people that I love. It was so amazing. I realized I had lived a pretty bad life and was missing out on a lot.

"I always felt that even if things were ultimately meaningless, as long as people were

alive they still had feelings and deserved to be treated

well," he said. "I almost felt it was a challenge to be kind, but I tried to be, though I wasn't all that happy and it was very difficult. I am now looking forward to being fully Catholic because I have felt so amazing."

Wiehoff is making up for lost time as he has hopes to attend the seminary to join the Missionary Oblates of

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At the Statehouse

## Hearing held in House on sex education 'opt in' bill

By Brigid Curtis Ayer  
For The Catholic Moment

INDIANAPOLIS — A bill to establish the state's sex education program as an "opt in" rather than an "opt out" program received a lengthy hearing in the House Education Committee, Feb. 15.

The bill is expected to pass the panel before the end of February. The plan passed the Senate on Jan. 30 with a vote of 37-12.

The Indiana Catholic Conference supports the bill.

Sen. Dennis Kruse, R-Auburn, author of Senate Bill 65, said

the bill would require schools to make the curriculum on human sexuality available to the public and parents. The school would have to get written parental consent for a student to

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Dennis Kruse



## Destination Jesus

Hundreds of high-school students from across the Lafayette diocese gathered for this year's Destination Jesus retreat, held Feb. 16-18 at St. Theodore Guerin High School in Noblesville. The theme for this year's retreat was "Unconditional."

The weekend offered a variety of activities, including prayer, games, talks by inspirational speakers and contemporary Christian music.

Story and more photos,  
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(Photo by Bob Nichols)



# In the wake of Parkland, Florida

**N**ews from Parkland, Florida, pries the lid off of a memory. A student shot a teacher two classrooms away from mine. Reports back then indicated that if he could not get to her, he'd get a priest. The teacher survived, but did not teach again. Both of us priests wonder which would have been the secondary target.

Our struggle to figure out school shootings is handicapped by thinking that they are like puzzles. There is no one solution. But we have not fully plumbed the questions, as if we could. Interested parties talk past one another without knowing it.

Yet to be established is what philosophers call a "conversation plane." This is about dialoging on agreed levels, one at a time. Years ago, a book popularized an example of the difficulty in "Women are from Venus, Men are from Mars." Communication about violent acts involving firearms is more complex. It involves whole communities and multiple layers of government.

Let me suggest some of the mixed levels that inform our perspectives. Always a first gambit, some people want to make this a debate about the second amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

A second level is about how much force is needed to keep order. There is a long tradition of firearms in hunting for food, for protecting livestock from predators, and watching over one's family when living in relative isolation. Most people can agree on the principles at this level.



Bishop  
Timothy L.  
Doherty

A third level is mythological. Firearms are part of the American story. While we are 4 percent of the world's population, 42 percent of worldwide firearms in civilian hands are in the United States. I will have to talk to Mom about her thoughts when boys, including me, scouted our neighborhood with toy guns. When I was 7, my small bolt-action M-1 replica rifle was no more out of place than a set of Crayolas.

Today, special clothing companies can help us civilians conceal firearms on our persons, almost as if we were accommodating a fifth limb. Maybe the smartphone already enjoys that rank.

In a fourth dimension, we can only observe a paradox. You have heard the expression, "It's impossible to look away from a car wreck." It is hard to look away, then to admit we sometimes don't want to. There is a saying in the news business, "If it bleeds, it leads." Have you noticed how after a mass shooting whole continents seem

to disappear from the news for days? Obviously, millions of us are tuning in to witness sad scenes. As much as we don't wish destruction on others, we have to wonder whether we have become violence voyeurs.

Again to the question, how do we "wrap our minds around" awful firearms attacks? I have no comprehensive response. But too many resist bettering our society by staking out a hard position only in logic, law, myth, or a para-lust for graphic tragedy.

It seems sensible to pursue tighter firearms and ammunitions regulation. Might our society's inability to set limits be due to a "disordered affection" from which a Lenten Preface II asks God to free us? There is a spiritual problem staring at us.

Demonizing devices or organizations will not be the most productive tool for insuring safer communities. As we enter adulthood, we find that the most difficult decisions are not between a good and an evil. Rather, the toughest choices are in choosing among goods. The surviving teens in Parkland, Florida, are asking us if we think they are worth making some changes in laws and processes. They want to know if we will back it up when we tell them they are dear to us. So far, they are hearing too many people saying "yes, but ..." They won't forget.



## February 25 Second Sunday of Lent Cycle B Readings:

- 1) *Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18*
- 2) *Romans 8:31b-34*
- 3) *Gospel: Mark 9:2-10*

### Monday, Feb. 26

- 1) *Daniel 9:4b-10*
- 2) *Gospel: Luke 6:36-38*

### Tuesday, Feb. 27

- 1) *Isaiah 1:10, 16-20*
- 2) *Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12*

### Wednesday, Feb. 28

- 1) *Jeremiah 18:18-20*
- 2) *Gospel: Matthew 20:17-28*

### Thursday, March 1

- 1) *Jeremiah 17:5-10*
- 2) *Gospel: Luke 16:19-31*

### Friday, March 2

- 1) *Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a*
- 2) *Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46*

### Saturday, March 3

- 1) *Micah 7:14-15, 18-20*
- 2) *Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

All are invited to be inspired by the life and legacy of St. Theodore Guerin and the **Sisters of Providence** of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods during an upcoming workshop on "Walking in the Footsteps of a Saint" hosted by the sisters. The workshop will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday,



March 3, in the Providence Hall Community Room,

located at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, 10 minutes northwest of downtown Terre Haute. Participants will join facilitator Sister Mary Montgomery while praying with Scripture as well as St. Theodore Guerin's own words. Participants will have the opportunity to experience their own pilgrimage while

walking in the footsteps of St. Theodore, as well as enjoy time for meditation, music and sharing. Cost is \$45 per person, which includes lunch. Registration deadline is Monday, Feb. 26. Register online at [events.sistersofprovidence.org](http://events.sistersofprovidence.org) or by calling 812-535-2952 or e-mailing [jfrost@spsmw.org](mailto:jfrost@spsmw.org).



**Students of St. Mary School in Alexandria recently shared their talents in another successful Drama Club Coffee House Cafe Showcase.**

(Photo provided)

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At the Statehouse

# House holds hearing on sex education 'opt in' bill

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participate in the course.

"If you have to get permission to take a child on a field trip to a museum, then I think it's more important to get permission to teach a class about human sexuality than it is to get permission to go to a museum," Kruse said. "I think asking for parental permission for this reason is merited."

Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, testified in support of the legislation.

"God entrusts children to parents," Tebbe said. "Parents have the responsibility to form and provide an integral education for their children."

"Parents have a particular responsibility in the area of sexual education," he added. "Children should be taught the meaning of sexuality and it is important that they learn to appreciate the human and moral values connected with it."

"Parents have an obliga-

tion to inquire about the methods used for sexual education in order to verify that such an important and delicate topic is dealt with properly," Tebbe said. "Senate Bill 65 enables parents to fulfill their responsibilities in the development of their children as responsible and moral adults."

Monica Boyer, founder and president of the Indiana Liberty Coalition, a pro-life, pro-family group located in northern Indiana, also spoke in support of the bill.

Boyer said her organization was contacted by a grandparent in Marshall County, who said a school showed students a 30-minute YouTube video promoting same-sex attraction as normal, and that one's gender identity can be chosen, as part of sex education. Parents were not notified in advance.

Rhonda Miller, education chair of the Indiana Liberty Coalition, shared some of the human sexuality curriculum being taught in schools across Indiana.



She referenced a flyer called "Making a Difference," which offers an "abstinence" curriculum. However, the education lists explicit sexual activities as "abstinence."

Other materials used in Indiana schools also offer explicit definitions of sex acts.

One pamphlet, "Making Proud Choices," teaches students how to use contraception and offers students games and methods for doing so.

Miller said some sex education handbooks being used suggest students "role play sexual encounters."

For these reasons, Miller urged lawmakers to pass Senate Bill 65 to "give parents a voice."

Micah Clark, director of the American Family Associ-

ation of Indiana, a pro-family organization based in Indianapolis, said in the 27 years he's been an advocate for families, he's received dozens of calls from parents about schools delivering material of a sexual nature which conflicted with their values without their knowledge or consent.

"This is nothing more than a 'parents right to know' bill. They have a right to know about material being presented on this sensitive topic beforehand," Clark said.

Rep. Vernon Smith, D-Gary, and Rep. Sheila Klinker, D-Lafayette, former educators who serve on the House Education Committee, raised concerns about the "opt in," saying they preferred the "opt out" method.

Smith said he felt the bill would hurt more students than it would help, and worried about children in sexual abuse situations.

Current law allows parents to request an "opt out" of sex education. Parents may request sex education curriculum be provided to them, and have their child removed from the class.

Indiana law does not specify what may or may not be covered in sex education classes, and there is no requirement to alert parents that such material will be taught.

Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) officials said most schools do inform parents. The IDOE has not taken a position on Senate Bill 65.

Dr. Mary McAteer, a board-certified pediatrician representing the Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, testified in opposition to the bill.


She said she had concerns about the written consent portion of the bill. McAteer said while the academy agrees that parents should be fully informed, she called the "opt in" burdensome for families who are in "chaotic circumstances."

The Indiana State Teachers Association was among other groups opposed to the bill.

The House panel decided on Feb. 15 to hold the bill for a least another week to allow further discussion and possible amendments.



Glenn Tebbe



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**Open house/kindergarten information sessions**  
MARION — St. Paul School will host an enrollment kick-off celebration on Wednesday, Feb. 28. Kindergarten information sessions will be offered at 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The school open house will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., with guests able to tour the school, visit with students and staff, and explore academic and after-school offerings. Preschool through sixth-grade enrollments will be accepted for the 2018-2019 school year. For more information, including scholarship opportunities, call the school office at 765-662-2883 or visit the Web site at [www.stpaulcatholicmarion.org](http://www.stpaulcatholicmarion.org).

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

**"24 Hours for the Lord"**

**LOGANSPOUT** — All are invited to attend a special day of prayer and reflection on Friday, March 2, at All Saints Church. The day will begin with Mass at 8 a.m., followed by all-day Eucharistic adoration. The sacrament of reconciliation and community and private prayer will be available throughout the day. There also will be presentations about how to read the Bible and rituals and practices in the Catholic Church; presentations will be given in both English and Spanish. Stations of the Cross and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung in the evening. The day will close with Benediction at 8:45 p.m. Refreshments will be available throughout the day. All are welcome to come for a little while or to spend the day. As the date draws closer, visit the Web site at [www.allsaintslogansport.com](http://www.allsaintslogansport.com) or the parish Facebook page for a schedule of events.

**Eucharistic adoration**

**DEMOTTE** — All are invited to join in Eucharistic adoration from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, March 2, 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.

**Baked fish and pasta dinner/Carmel**

**CARMEL** — Knights of Columbus Council 11044 will host a Lenten baked fish and pasta dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, in the parish hall at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish. The menu will include baked cod, all-you-care-to-eat macaroni and cheese, and marinara penne, as well as sides, desserts and beverages. The menu features many healthy choices including baked cod, salad, coleslaw, sweet corn and applesauce. Meals for adults are \$10 for fish and \$6 for pasta; cost for children ages 6 to 12 is \$5 for fish and \$3 for pasta. Religious and children under age 6 eat free. Maximum household cost is \$40. Dine-in, carry-out or drive-through will be available. Proceeds will benefit the Knights' charitable causes of

feeding and clothing the poor and elderly, assisting those with physical and intellectual disabilities, and supporting vocations and the needs of the parish. All are welcome to attend.

**Lenten day of reflection**

**MUNCIE** — All are invited to attend a Lenten day of reflection with Father Thomas Haan, chaplain at St. Theodore Guerin High School, on Saturday, March 3, at St. Mary Parish. The theme for the day will be "The Invisible War: Are You Ready for Battle?" The day will begin with Mass at 8 a.m. in the church. The program will be held in Noll Hall following Mass. For more information, call Susan Kerrigan at 765-744-0475.

**Women's day of reflection**

**NOBLESVILLE** — Our Lady of Grace Parish invites all women to a day of reflection, "Breathe in the Spirit of Discipleship," from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 3. The retreat will include Mass, a keynote address, breakout sessions, and time for reflection and community. A continental breakfast and a lunch prepared by chef Greg Howe will be provided. This year's keynote address, "Discovering Your Divine Assignment," will be presented by Dr. Robin Chad-dock. Breakout sessions will explore topics including "What Were You Created to Do? Your Personality, Prayer and Service," "St. Teresa's Guide for the Busy Person," "Becoming a Missionary Disciple," "Planting the Seeds of Discipleship in the Family" and more. Registration cost is \$25 per person. To register or for more information, e-mail [makeiner@ologn.org](mailto:makeiner@ologn.org) or visit the Web site at [www.ologn.org](http://www.ologn.org).

**"Passion and Purpose for Marriage"**

**ZIONSVILLE** — St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish will host a Dynamic Catholic presentation on "Passion and Purpose for Marriage" from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 4. The event will feature author and speaker Dr. Allen Hunt, with musical guest George Lower. Cost is \$25 per person. Tickets may be ordered online at

[dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com) or call 859-980-7900. The church is located at 1870 W. Oak St. in Zionsville.

**Fish fry/Wheatfield**

**WHEATFIELD** — Sorrowful Mother Parish will hold its annual fish fry from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST Friday, March 9. The menu will include Alaskan Pollock, baked potato, potato salad, coleslaw, bread and butter, applesauce, lemonade, coffee and a variety of desserts. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12. Carry-outs will be available. The church is located at 165 Grace St. in Wheatfield. All are welcome to attend.

**Schoenstatt****Lenten pilgrimage**

All are invited to join a Lenten pilgrimage to the Schoenstatt International Shrine in Waukesha, Wis., on March 10-11. The pilgrimage, led by Sister Ann Astell, a professor of theology at Notre Dame, will depart from Lafayette. Cost is \$100 for adults and \$45 for children, with a \$300 family cap. Cost includes transportation, meals and lodging, talks, tours, hiking, children's programs by the Schoenstatt Sisters, Masses, confession and adoration. Registration is encouraged as soon as possible. For more information, call 765-404-2183 or e-mail [jhas821@aol.com](mailto:jhas821@aol.com).

**Adult Scouter Awards**

Nominations are now being accepted by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for Girl Scout and Boy Scout Adult Scouter Awards. The awards are presented to adults working with youth on their Scout religious awards for two or more years. Nomination forms may be obtained from Trudie Wanchow, DCCS awards chair, at [stvbeth@att.net](mailto:stvbeth@att.net) or Steve Chatot at [bigbear96@comcast.net](mailto:bigbear96@comcast.net). All nominations and required letters must be received by March 15. Winners will receive their awards at the annual Bishop's Dinner on April 28.



## REST IN PEACE



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

**Maureen Grady**, 66, died Feb. 5. She was a member of Immaculate Conception in Portland.

**William S. "Willie" Rozzi**, 98, died Feb. 15. He was a member of All Saints in Logansport.

**Janice Asbury**, 80, died Feb. 6. She was a member of St. Joseph in Lebanon.

**Thomas Fox**, 62, died Feb. 5. **Marjorie Hanus**, 87, died Feb. 12. Both were members of St. Joseph in Pulaski.

**Roger Chezem**, 77, died Feb. 13. He was a member of St. Ambrose in Anderson.

**Richard Ronnau**, 73, died Feb. 6. He was a member of St. Lawrence in Muncie.

**Matthew Fitzgerald Ross**, 56, died Feb. 4. He was a member of St. Bernard in Crawfordsville.

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



Upcoming events and retreats at Saint Joseph Retreat & Conference Center in Tipton include:

- Diocesan Staff Retreat, Feb. 22-23
- Spanish Family Life, Feb. 24-25
- Men's Cursillo (English), March 1-4
- Guerin Catholic High School Retreat, March 6-9
- St. Alphonsus Confirmation Retreat, March 9-11
- Lenten Day of Reflection Open to Public, March 13
- St. Joan of Arc and St. Patrick Staff Day of Reflection, March 14
- Women's Cursillo (English), March 15-18
- Cathedral High School Senior Retreat, March 20-23
- Prayer and Work Retreat (Monastic), April 10-12

- Men's Silent Retreat, April 13-15
- People of Praise (Men's Retreat, private), April 20-22
- Pastor's Tool Box, April 22-27
- Women's Silent Retreat, April 27-29
- Men's Cursillo (Spanish), May 3-6
- Office of Catholic Schools Diocesan Principals Meeting, May 9
- Women's Cursillo (Spanish), May 10-13
- Mini-Tool Box for Pastoral Leaders, May 15-18
- Family Life (Spanish), May 19-30
- Nature and Scripture Retreat, May 22-24

For more information about any of these retreats, call Father David Huemmer at 765-551-9570, ext. 4585.



# The Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana welcomes

## Catechumens from the Carmel and Fowler deaneries

**Our Lady  
of Mt. Carmel  
Carmel**

Stacia Belanger  
Gabriel Berglund  
Dominick Chase  
Cristian Dominguez  
Lisa Henneberry  
Abigail Higginbotham  
Rebecca Kohlmann  
Brittany Maldonado  
Dylan Margalli  
Noe Mariana  
Eric Leonardo  
Melendez  
Suany Mariana  
Miranda  
Jeff Moore  
Amy Morneo  
Tracy Nall  
Alexandria Nussman  
Sabrielle Riffey  
Victoria Scott  
Katie Wednt

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Ann Seton  
Carmel**

Brandon Baker  
Nick Hill  
Ashley Jasinski  
Selin Oh  
Sarah Reckelhoff  
Becky Sheets  
Kaitlyn Sheets



Catechumens sign the Book of the Elect during the annual Rite of Election. They will receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist at Easter. Candidates, who are previously baptized Christians, will be confirmed and receive the Eucharist.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Cicero**

Josephine Beath  
Jessica Campbell  
Rudolph Schinderle

**Holy Spirit  
Fishers**

Robert Clements  
Emma Pippin  
Lane Snyder  
Ray Stanley

**St. John Vianney  
Fishers**

Mike Probst

**St. Louis de Montfort  
Fishers**

Suzanna Works  
Alexandria Pulido

**St. Joseph  
Lebanon**

Holly Duke  
Carolyn Lohsl  
Timothy Allen Toole

**Our Lady of Grace  
Noblesville**

Emersyn Burns  
Jefferson Fuentes  
Joanna Fuentes  
Danielle Loutner  
Rick Loutner  
William Loutner  
Nicole Lux  
Zachary Powell  
Charles Reichel  
Emma Reichel  
Carolina Santiago  
Christian Santiago



Bishop Timothy L. Doherty signs the Book of the Elect after it is signed by the catechumens. (Photos by Caroline B. Mooney)

**Sacred Heart  
Remington**

Rex Adams  
Thomas W. Allegrini  
Ashley R. Clark

**St. Augustine  
Rensselaer**

Lori A. Blankenbaker

**St. Maria Goretti  
Westfield**

K.J. Bail  
Trenton Foster  
Tyler Foster  
Clara Johns

## Candidates from the Carmel and Fowler deaneries

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of Mt. Carmel  
Carmel**

Adam Albright  
Ian Barajas  
Greyden Berglund  
Brandon Casey  
Lauren Casey  
Edward William  
Chafin  
Ben Chapman  
Eric Claussen  
William Crayner  
Lizette Dominguez  
Estefany Espiritu  
Castro  
Milagros Fragoso  
Alex Garcia  
Justin Gardia  
Gage Guzzi  
Steve Hammerstrom  
Brent Henke  
Brian Heshner  
Jeffrey Hultman  
Ashley Janisse

Haeden Kinsey  
Morgan Kreinbrink  
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Freddy Tepehua  
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Cicero**

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Colin Flannagan  
Peyton Flannagan  
Tyler Grabarz  
Dustin Heath  
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Megan Smith

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Fishers**

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Ed Fislar  
Marina Gray  
Natalie Jensen  
Brent Paddock  
Sara Pickett  
Chelsea Rueschoff  
Chris Todd  
Jerilyn Tucker

**St. John Vianney  
Fishers**

Judy Cameron  
Kristen Schmith  
Nathan Wiehoff  
Nick Williamson

**St. Louis de Montfort  
Fishers**

Jay Berry  
Shelley Bethel  
Abby Chezem  
Gabe Chezem  
Raina Chezem  
Megan Fisher  
Tiffanie Nabinger  
Matt Parrish  
Evan Wang

**Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Fowler**

Amy Schwartz

**St. Joseph  
Lebanon**

Christina Edwards  
Jacqueline Youngstafel

**Our Lady of Grace  
Noblesville**

Hugo Chacaltana  
James Cruz  
Charlie Dash  
William Domoulin  
Adrian Dugarte  
Alejandro Gutierrez  
Sophia Ibanez  
Camila Mendoza  
Ventura Montoya  
Megan Newell  
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**Sacred Heart  
Remington**

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**St. Maria Goretti  
Westfield**

Andy Davies  
Jennifer Doerr  
James Evans  
Todd McMinn  
Marcy Wardwell

**St. Alphonsus  
Liguori  
Zionsville**

Reyna Conner  
Larry Gibson  
Jacob Lewis  
Kelly Mattingly  
Michelle Roberts



# Life stories, faith stories 'so full of God's spirit'

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Mary Immaculate, an order that works with prisoners and the marginalized.

He joined catechumens and candidates from the Carmel and Fowler deaneries at a combined Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion held at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception on Feb. 18.

The Lafayette, Logansport and Muncie deaneries will send catechumens and candidates to rites at the cathedral on Feb. 25.

Catechumens are those entering the Church who have never been baptized. They will receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist at Easter.

The Rite of Election includes the enrollment of names of all the catechumens by signing the Book of the Elect.

Candidates, previously baptized Christians, will be confirmed and receive the Eucharist at Easter. During the rite they are presented to and blessed by their bishop.

In his homily, Bishop Timothy L. Doherty said that in his early ministry he helped with the RCIA.

"I found the life stories and faith stories so very different from each other. They were so profound, so full of God's spirit," he said. "It was just amazing how many different ways God had worked in people's lives to bring them to him, first of all, and to bring them to him in the Catholic Church."

"It was amazing to pay attention to where grace was at work in people and how profoundly they had experienced the grace of God in different ways," Bishop Doherty said.

People hear God coming from different places — sometimes out of joy, sometimes out of tragedy or loneliness, he said. People hear God in different ways throughout their lives.

"So the story of someone who is 20 will be different than someone who is 40 or 60 who has a few miles on them," Bishop Doherty said with a smile. "It's important to see how God can work in each one of those areas. The whole community becomes the beneficiary. The whole



**Youngbok Hong, left, and Selin Oh, right, with Vania Goodwin, Hong's sponsor and Oh's godmother**

Church benefits from journeys that we have been on and the journeys of those who accompany you have been on."

In cultures where people are poor and earn a dollar a day, they are somehow attracted to God, Christ, the Church and sacraments, he said. In places of immense wealth and comfort, people still come.

"When people have everything in life they still have a hunger, an emptiness they know that only God can fill," Bishop Doherty said. "We are part of a world where there is suffering and discord. We are in a church where all the members aren't perfect. You join a noble group of sinners who are made a little less awful because the Lord loves them unconditionally. We look at the Lord's example and pray to be able to love each other; if not unconditionally, then more than we might if we lacked God's grace and help."

"With God's grace I can promise you will come to deeper understandings of what it is that God sees in you and a deeper understanding of what you can see in Christ," he said. "It all starts with prayer. And it gets really ignited in the presence of our fellow believers, in the course of our sacraments, and in the course of our prayers together."

Jim Lund, a member of St. John Vianney, joined the Catholic Church in 2014 and now serves as an RCIA sponsor.

"I married a cradle Catholic 30 years ago," he



**Thomas and Darcy Allegrini (Photos by Caroline B. Mooney)**

said. "She patiently waited without ever asking me to convert. There were a number of folks, including Father (Brian) Dudzinski, who gave me very subtle words of encouragement over the years, and I decided it was time."



**Jim Lund**

pastor.

"Sometimes he would help me out with Bible verses to help my point of view," he said. "I learned more and more about the Catholic faith in RCIA class and I have been called to attend every class since 2013. I am



**Rex Adams and his wife, Melinda, with daughters Grace (front) and Mary (right)**

honored, blessed and very humbled to be a sponsor." Youngbok Hong and her daughter, Selin Oh, 17, are joining the church together at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Carmel.

Hong grew up in Korea and was baptized as a Catholic when she was a teenager.

"I moved to the United States 15 years ago," she said. "I grew up in a Christian environment, but as a teenager I had a lot of unresolved questions. My daughter and I decided to learn about the Catholic Church and it has been a blessing for us. It has been quite a journey and a special time to do this with my daughter."

"After attending a big church in Carmel, I didn't feel spiritually fulfilled so I started a discussion with my mom," Oh said. "We had a lot of questions about spirituality. Since she already had

ties to the Catholic Church, we started the RCIA process together. It gives you a lot to think about, and answers to questions that have been asked for thousands of years."

When Rex Adams, a member of Sacred Heart, Remington, married a Catholic, he agreed to raise any children in the Church.

"Now after four children and 21 years of marriage, I finally have enough time to do this," he said. "I was raised in the Baptist Church and didn't like how they ranted and raved about things. I went to church with my family all these years and really like the organization of the Catholic Church."

Thomas W. Allegrini and his wife, Darcy, have been married for three years.

"I was raised Methodist, but my grandfather and dad were Catholic," he said. "I started going to church (at Sacred Heart, Remington) with my wife five years ago. I got to know the people and the priest and it's been something I really enjoyed. We were thinking it would be good to join the Church before we start a family. It will help us grow as a family and as a couple."

The rites were coordinated by the diocesan Office of Divine Worship and Liturgical Formation, directed by Jonathan Sullivan.

A reception followed the Mass in Bishops Memorial Hall and was served by members of the Altar and Rosary Society of the cathedral parish.



## Hundreds of teens gather for Destination Jesus 2018

*'Our hope is when they walk out, they never doubt his love'*

By **Jesica E. Hollinger**  
The Catholic Moment

NOBLESVILLE — Unconditional. One small, powerful word used to mark the theme of the "Destination Jesus" retreat for high-school students on Feb. 16-18 at St. Theodore Guerin High School.

Hundreds of students from across the diocese gathered to deepen their faith and strengthen their relationship with Christ, as they learned of God's never-ending love for each of them.

**B**ishop Timothy L. Doherty celebrated Mass on Saturday morning, offering a homily related to the weekend's readings from Isaiah, reminding the students to speak respectfully to one another, contrary to the current trend of sarcasm and snide retorts.

Bishop Doherty also told the students that he was heartened by their attendance.

"This event is so inspiring — not just for me, but for all of our devoted students who have chosen to spend an entire weekend deepening their relationship with Christ," he said.

"I am extremely confident in the future of the Catholic Church, as these bright and talented students, led by a love for Christ, grow and develop into tomorrow's leaders," he added.

Throughout the weekend, the students — along with priests, seminarians and women religious from around the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana — engaged in a variety of activities, including prayer, games, food, talks by inspiring speakers, and contemporary Christian music.

Matt Fletcher, a sophomore at Guerin Catholic High School, said he was at the retreat to get away from the secular world for a short time, and have a chance to improve his faith life and be closer to Jesus.

"I hope to always remain a good Catholic and stay close to God throughout my life. No matter what career path I choose, I hope I will be able to do that and help other people convert, or stay closer to God," Fletcher said.



**Destination Jesus participants gather for Mass during the weekend retreat held Feb. 16-18 at St. Theodore Guerin High School in Noblesville. (Photo by Bob Nichols)**

Natalia Trevino Amaro, a high-school senior from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Carmel, said her first trip to the retreat as a freshman had a lasting impact on her faith life during high school.

"I love this retreat — it's the retreat that brought me to my faith originally," Trevino Amaro said.

"It's only fitting that I'm here my last year of high school, so I can end strong and take my faith off to college," she added.

Reagan Ney, a senior at Guerin Catholic, said she hopes to pass down her experiences to those coming for the first time, this year.

"Like Natalia, I've come all four years and I hope to pass down my experiences to the sophomores and freshmen, so they can be part of what I have enjoyed so much in the past," Ney said.

Friends since they met during their first retreat their freshman year of high school, both Ney and Fletcher agreed they felt changed by their experiences at Destination Jesus, especially with a deepened love and regard for the Holy Eucharist.

"This retreat (my freshman year) was what originally brought me to my faith. To be honest, before that, I wasn't really involved in it," Trevino Amaro said.

"I was forced to come here my freshman year — my

mother made me go — it wasn't an option.

"The experience of adoration on Saturday night touched my heart so much, and after that I had this desire to grow closer to God, so I started going to youth group, attending retreats, and going to Mass more often.

"I had a conversion of heart, through my experience of adoration, which has helped me continue my Catholic faith during my high-school years," she added.

"I've gained a bigger devotion to the Eucharist, through Destination Jesus," Ney said. "I've learned how to pray more often, and different ways to pray. Now, I write in a journal whenever I go to adoration and I've started sharing my knowledge with other people.

"It's been a journey of different events and different things happening, as I've grown to love and appreciate Eucharistic adoration, and even share my knowledge at a church retreat," she said.

For many of the students who attended, it's a joy to have the opportunity to be with people their own age, who share their Catholic faith and common values.

As a student who doesn't attend a Catholic high school, Trevino Amaro said

it's often hard to find people who share the same faith.

"It's nice to come here and find people from your own school that you didn't know were Catholic and didn't know were so devoted, like you are; you come here, share that, then go back to school and become friends," she said.

Many of the students at the retreat mentioned the role that youth ministers in their home parishes have in nurturing their faith, as well as encouraging them to try new experiences.

"I want to thank my youth minister, Emily Sipes, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, because she always pushes us to try new things," Ney said. "She helps our youth ministry grow closer to one another, even though we go to different schools and don't really know each other.

"It's really nice to have a community to be involved with," she added.

Trevino Amaro said she was grateful for her youth ministers at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Louis and Rebecca Paiz, who always push the students to grow more in faith, by attending retreats and gaining new experiences.

Paiz said planning and executing a retreat like Destination Jesus takes about 1,000 volunteers to be successful.

"From the people that plan the events and the logistics throughout the entire year (prior to the event) to the people who set up, tear down, serve in the kitchen, stay up all night, and participate in the events ... it takes so many devoted volunteers coming together to make this work," Paiz said.

All of the planning is considered a success if the students walk away from the retreat never doubting God's love for them.

"The theme is 'Unconditional' and our hope is that these students encounter the Lord's unconditional love in such a depth when they walk out, they never doubt his love and that they can live in his love," she said.

"As we were planning this year's event, one of the things that kept coming up was the high amount of stress our young people are encountering.

"With that stress comes a deep hunger and we can fill that hunger with other things to help cope with the high anxiety and stress.

"Through their encounters this weekend, we hope students find the answer to all of it, which is Christ — his deep love for us and then the gift of the sacraments, through which we continue to receive the Lord's grace and mercy," she added.

One of the factors that makes Destination Jesus such a significant event is the 40-hour exposure to the Blessed Sacrament, throughout the entire weekend. For some students, this is an original experience.

The students also had several breakout sessions, including speakers that addressed the young men and young women about living in this world as a son or daughter of Christ, and what it means to live in that identity.

This year marks the 23rd year of Destination Jesus, whose original mission lives on to continue to invite students to expand their relationship with Jesus through the Blessed Sacrament, inspire a deep devotion to Mary, encourage fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church and the Magisterium, and awaken discernment of holy vocations.



## Destination Jesus 2018: 'Unconditional'



Throughout the Destination Jesus weekend retreat, students, along with priests, seminarians and women religious from across the diocese, engaged in a variety of activities, including prayer, games, food, talks by inspiring speakers including Mary Bielski (left), and contemporary Christian music. (Photos by Bob Nichols)

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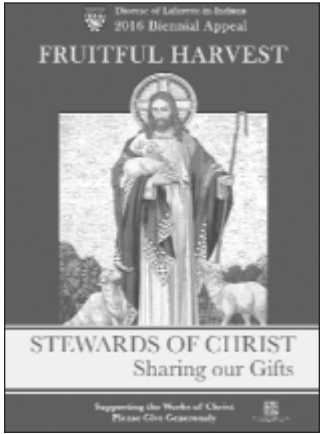
Parish	City	Goal	Pledged	Amount Paid	% Goal Pledged	% Goal Paid	% Pledged Paid
St. Mary	Alexandria	\$67,718.00	\$62,264.00	\$45,330.00	91.9%	66.9%	72.8%
St. Ambrose	Anderson	\$124,686.00	\$111,695.00	\$87,354.18	89.6%	70.1%	78.2%
St. Mary	Anderson	\$186,040.00	\$166,281.45	\$112,029.45	89.4%	60.2%	67.4%
St. Francis *	Attica	\$37,432.00	\$33,280.00	\$27,785.00	88.9%	74.2%	83.5%
Holy Trinity	Bryant	\$41,253.00	\$33,800.00	\$29,209.00	81.9%	70.8%	86.4%
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel *	Carmel	\$1,234,408.00	\$1,234,408.00	\$1,234,408.00	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
St. Elizabeth Seton	Carmel	\$561,517.00	\$571,634.92	\$497,270.52	101.8%	88.6%	87.0%
Sacred Heart of Jesus	Cicero	\$89,220.00	\$129,120.77	\$99,335.87	144.7%	111.3%	76.9%
St. Joseph	Covington	\$14,264.00	\$12,560.00	\$10,890.00	88.1%	76.3%	86.7%
St. Bernard *	Crawfordsville	\$95,085.00	\$95,085.00	\$95,085.00	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
St. Joseph	Delphi	\$54,414.00	\$77,621.50	\$63,274.50	142.6%	116.3%	81.5%
St. Cecilia	DeMotte	\$57,466.00	\$69,055.00	\$61,925.00	120.2%	107.8%	89.7%
St. Mary	Dunkirk	\$12,635.00	\$17,613.00	\$13,798.00	139.4%	109.2%	78.3%
St. Mary	Dunnington	\$13,896.00	\$8,610.00	\$8,610.00	62.0%	62.0%	100.0%
St. John	Earl Park	\$16,578.00	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00	87.5%	87.5%	100.0%
St. Joseph	Elwood	\$66,177.00	\$54,370.20	\$38,339.70	82.2%	57.9%	70.5%
Holy Spirit	Fishers	\$659,031.00	\$748,887.49	\$574,212.31	113.6%	87.1%	76.7%
St. John Vianney *	Fishers	\$102,728.00	\$102,728.00	\$102,728.00	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
St. Louis de Montfort	Fishers	\$457,567.00	\$424,091.16	\$340,688.89	92.7%	74.5%	80.3%
Sacred Heart	Fowler	\$71,759.00	\$64,185.00	\$58,395.00	89.4%	81.4%	91.0%
St. Francis	Francesville	\$3,712.00	\$6,139.12	\$5,664.12	165.4%	152.6%	92.3%
St. Mary	Frankfort	\$80,960.00	\$89,658.48	\$67,136.48	110.7%	82.9%	74.9%
Holy Family	Gas City	\$41,109.00	\$32,155.00	\$26,060.00	78.2%	63.4%	81.0%
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	\$38,880.00	138.5%	85.8%	61.9%
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	\$5,778.00	86.1%	79.5%	92.3%
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	\$242,304.00	\$242,304.00	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Bishop's Office	Lafayette		\$29,038.58	\$27,071.94			93.2%
St. Mary Cathedral *	Lafayette	\$307,103.00	\$374,549.86	\$294,359.01	122.0%	95.9%	78.6%
St. Ann	Lafayette	\$106,732.00	\$50,248.75	\$44,405.05	47.1%	41.6%	88.4%
St. Boniface	Lafayette	\$239,689.00	\$257,211.45	\$190,739.23	107.3%	79.6%	74.2%
St. Lawrence	Lafayette	\$288,755.00	\$204,583.37	\$155,425.89	70.9%	53.8%	76.0%
St. Augusta *	Lake Village	\$48,603.00	\$39,400.00	\$28,275.00	81.1%	58.2%	71.8%
St. Joseph	Lebanon	\$141,106.00	\$233,780.00	\$174,750.00	165.7%	123.8%	74.7%
All Saints	Logansport	\$203,703.00	\$219,854.51	\$177,518.15	107.9%	87.1%	80.7%
St. Paul	Marion	\$179,915.00	\$120,335.30	\$104,815.60	66.9%	58.3%	87.1%
St. Henry	Medaryville	\$3,119.00	\$4,504.12	\$3,375.00	144.4%	108.2%	74.9%
St. Anne	Monterey	\$19,348.00	\$18,250.00	\$15,285.00	94.3%	79.0%	83.8%
Our Lady of the Lakes	Monticello	\$87,295.00	\$81,580.00	\$58,683.15	93.5%	67.2%	71.9%
St. Francis of Assisi	Muncie	\$113,172.00	\$105,957.89	\$71,777.89	93.6%	63.4%	67.7%
St. Lawrence	Muncie	\$114,960.00	\$152,638.48	\$112,886.72	132.8%	98.2%	74.0%
St. Mary	Muncie	\$210,713.00	\$275,310.10	\$195,360.44	130.7%	92.7%	71.0%
Our Lady of Grace *	Noblesville	\$415,045.00	\$591,335.06	\$380,484.49	142.5%	91.7%	64.3%
St. Charles	Otterbein	\$38,357.00	\$46,163.00	\$40,530.00	120.4%	105.7%	87.8%
St. Patrick	Oxford	\$35,732.00	\$42,370.00	\$36,370.00	118.6%	101.8%	85.8%
St. Charles	Peru	\$111,672.00	\$117,946.00	\$101,991.00	105.6%	91.3%	86.5%
Immaculate Conception	Portland	\$65,411.00	\$72,360.00	\$61,995.00	110.6%	94.8%	85.7%
St. Joseph	Pulaski	\$21,199.00	\$30,162.12	\$27,162.12	142.3%	128.1%	90.1%
Sacred Heart	Remington	\$26,725.00	\$31,695.00	\$28,100.00	118.6%	105.1%	88.7%
St. Augustine *	Rensselaer	\$83,080.00	\$83,080.00	\$83,080.00	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
St. Joseph	Reynolds	\$26,791.00	\$33,298.55	\$24,788.55	124.3%	92.5%	74.4%
St. Joseph	Rochester	\$44,609.00	\$55,125.00	\$44,037.00	123.6%	98.7%	79.9%
St. John the Baptist	Tipton	\$88,655.00	\$92,630.00	\$72,880.00	104.5%	82.2%	78.7%
St. Mary	Union City	\$34,737.00	\$36,125.00	\$29,480.00	104.0%	84.9%	81.6%
Blessed Sacrament	West Lafayette	\$233,100.00	\$208,994.68	\$176,862.73	89.7%	75.9%	84.6%
St. Thomas Aquinas *	West Lafayette	\$194,834.00	\$194,834.00	\$194,834.00	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
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	\$46,286.12	130.0%	105.5%	81.1%
St. Joseph	Winchester	\$28,908.00	\$30,910.00	\$23,200.00	106.9%	80.3%	75.1%
St. Alphonsus *	Zionsville	\$338,086.00	\$338,086.00	\$338,086.00	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$9,200,000.00</b>	<b>\$9,616,910.03</b>	<b>\$8,182,281.10</b>	<b>104.5%</b>	<b>88.9%</b>	<b>85.1%</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	\$33,280.00	\$27,785.00	83.49%
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Carmel	\$400,000.00	\$1,495,535.81	\$1,148,119.26	76.77%
St. Bernard	Crawfordsville	\$200,000.00	\$184,155.25	\$136,842.50	74.31%
St. John Vianney	Fishers	\$750,000.00	\$380,263.34	\$270,175.34	71.05%
St. Joan of Arc	Kokomo	\$350,000.00	\$749,864.00	\$580,551.32	77.42%
St. Patrick	Kokomo	\$400,000.00	\$333,196.00	\$262,674.80	78.83%
St. Mary Cathedral	Lafayette	\$400,000.00	\$374,549.86	\$294,359.01	78.59%
St. Augusta	Lake Village	\$50,000.00	\$39,400.00	\$28,275.00	71.76%
Our Lady of Grace	Noblesville	\$300,000.00	\$591,335.06	\$380,484.49	64.34%
St. Augustine	Rensselaer	\$70,000.00	\$101,575.00	\$91,017.50	89.61%
St. Thomas Aquinas	West Lafayette	\$514,232.88	\$313,817.44	\$229,081.72	73.00%
St. Maria Goretti	Westfield	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,012,234.96	\$1,228,094.16	61.03%
Sorrowful Mother	Wheatfield	\$155,000.00	\$219,379.31	\$129,332.58	58.95%
St. Alphonsus	Zionsville	\$851,000.00	\$621,311.47	\$507,266.85	81.64%

\*\* Includes parish Fruitful Harvest goal  
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## Fruitful Harvest 2016

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

Fruitful Harvest is comparable to the weekly collection upon which parishes depend to meet their responsibilities. Instead of a weekly appeal, the diocesan Church seeks support through this biennial appeal.

Each parish is assigned a campaign goal based on a formula that factors in parish population and offertory income. As soon as a parish reaches its goal in paid pledges, it gets a 10 percent rebate.

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