Archdiocese honors Catholic school graduates

By Greg Olszko

An assistant principal, a managing partner in an investment firm, a corrections officer, a priest and a retired World War II veteran, who spent 20 years working with mentally disabled people, will be honored by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for contributions to their communities.

The five Catholic school graduates will be recognized Sept. 22 at the fourth annual Celebrating Catholic School Values awards dinner and fundraiser at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

This year’s Career Achievement Awards honorees are Indianapolis residents Judy L. Livingston, I. Timothy McGinley, Msgr. John T. Ryan, Rita Sharp, and George “Tooter” Tinus of New Albany.

Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, who will be the keynote speaker at the dinner, will receive the Community Service Award in recognition of his work to improve the quality of education in Indianapolis.

Money raised from the awards dinner will be used to help pay tuition costs for low-income Catholic school students throughout the 39 counties served by the archdiocese. During the first three years, $450,000 in tuition assistance has been given to more than 1,000 students.

Career Achievement Award honorees:

Judy Livingston, a graduate of Sacred Heart Central High School, began her education career teaching grades 3–6 at Holy Name School in Beech Grove. She was a teacher there for 15 years and principal for 10 years. As principal she started the school’s first computer lab and began special programs for gifted and talented students as well as new remedial programs. She served on the Archdiocesan School Evaluation Committee, and was president of the Archdiocesan Principals’ Association.

Livingston went on to teach at-risk students and later become an assistant principal in the Metropolitan School District of Perry Township, a position she holds today. She has received numerous education awards and is a member of St. Barnabas Parish, where she has served as thearchistic minister and as president of the parish council.

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Reds first baseman says God is ‘the biggest part of my life’

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their class. To his family, however, he is someone who continues to give back to his community and to Catholic education. McGinley, a former basketball standout at Purdue University, has received numerous honors from the university. McGinley was named one of the Outstanding Young Men in America in 1967 and went on to serve as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor before returning to Indianapolis to go into private business. McGinley, a member of St. Luke Parish, is managing partner of House Investments. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Bindley Western Industries Inc., the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Indiana Energy Inc., the Indianapolis Colts Community Advisory Board, and the Indianapolis District of Key Bank.

Msgr. John T. Ryan has served the Church for more than 40 years as a priest, pastor, teacher, and friend of Catholic education. He served as an associate pastor in three Indianapolis parishes—St. Anthony, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and St. Catherine. He is currently in his 39th year as pastor of St. Anthony and also serves as the dean of the Indianapolis West Deanery. He has taught in several high schools, taught 10 years at the School for the Blind, served as archdiocesan scout chaplain, served on the National Committee for Catholic Scouting for six years, and as chaplain at Central State and LaRue Carter hospitals. He is known for his devotion and dedication to city-schools and youth. Through his untiring efforts, All Saints School has flourished as a consolidated school serving the needs of the Indianapolis west side. Last year, Msgr. Ryan was instrumental in acquiring land for a new school building for All Saints. He has also dedicated many hours to the well-being of Cardinal Ritter Junior/Senior High schools and youth. Through his untiring efforts, All Saints School has flourished as a consolidated school serving the needs of the Indianapolis west side. Last year, Msgr. Ryan was instrumental in acquiring land for a new school building for All Saints. He has also dedicated many hours to the well-being of Cardinal Ritter Junior/Senior High schools and youth.

Rita Sharp, the mother of five children, has been married for 22 years to her elementary school sweetheart Stephen Sharp. She works full-time as a Marion County corrections officer and helps take care of her mother, who has Alzheimer’s disease. Despite her busy obligations at home and work, Sharp still gives generously of her time to Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis. She has coordinated the parish baptism preparation classes for parents for the past 10 years, is a religious education team member, sings in the choir and leads a Bible study group. Sharp attended Holy Angels Elementary School and St. Agnes Academy.

George “Tooter” Tinian is a graduate of St. Mary School, New Albany, and St. Xavier High School, Louisville. He was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1941 and in 1945 he was wounded in Italy, losing both hands. He spent 23 months hospitalized—15 months in a body cast. He was discharged in 1947 and returned to New Albany. From 1958–1978, he worked at the Joseph Rauch Center for Retarded Children. He founded the first workshop for mentally handicapped people in New Albany. From 1958–1978, he worked at the Joseph Rauch Center for Retarded Children. He founded the first workshop for mentally handicapped people in New Albany and was a member of the advisory board of the Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Association for four years. He has served the Church as president of the St. Mary’s Men’s Club, member of the parish council and choir, vice-president of Catholic Central School Board, vice-president of Our Lady of Providence High School Booster Club and member of the CYO board in New Albany. He coached basketball and track at St. Mary School for 15 years and received the John Bosco Medal from the Catholic Youth Organization. He has received many community awards, including the Governor’s Trophy as Outstanding Handicapped Hoosier of the Year.

Community Service Award

Stephen Goldsmith was elected mayor of Indianapolis in 1991 and has earned a national reputation as one of the country’s leading mayors. He is credited with implementing a $1 billion infrastructure improvement program called “Building Better Neighborhoods.” Under his leadership, Indianapolis has enjoyed record-breaking job creation and set a record pace for new construction. Goldsmith has taken an active role in improving the quality of education for low-income students by supporting the Building Communities of Hope campaign, which has raised $27 million from the business community to rebuild and renovate Indianapolis inner-city Catholic schools. The money is also used for Catholic education endowments for low-income students and for social service programs.

“Weal other schools have known little success, the Catholic schools have continued to help children achieve their potential,” Goldsmith said.

Goldsmith has served in numerous national leadership roles, including chairperson of the Center for Civic Innovation at the Manhattan Institute and a member of the advisory boards for the Bureau of Justice and Statistics and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency. He also currently serves on the President’s Commission on Missing and Exploited Children.

A lifelong resident of Indianapolis, Goldsmith is the author of The Twenty-First Century City: Resurrecting Urban America. The book serves as a blueprint for cities in their approach to governing.

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“My dad instilled in me that I should always treat people the way I want to be treated,” the ballplayer said. “He’s a great influence. He goes to Mass every morning.”

Casey practices what’s been preached to him. After learning that a University of Evansville, Ind., ballplayer had suffered an eye injury similar to his, he phoned the player and talked for 20 minutes. “I didn’t even think twice about it,” he said, “because it was an opportunity to save souls and lives.”

Scanlon studied pro-life sidewalk counseling techniques developed by Msgr. Reilly for the Helpers ministry on four occasions outside abortion clinics in New York City. On one day, he said, Msgr. Reilly knelt in prayer, with his eyes closed, with a prayer group for 15 minutes. During that time, counselors were able to talk three women into turning away from the abortion clinic.

Three years ago, the archdiocesan Pro-Life Office implemented the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants ministry in Indianapolis after reviewing its success rate in other states. Msgr. Joseph Schaedel, vicar general, will celebrate the next monthly Helpers pro-life liturgy at 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 21 at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 4052 E. 38th St., in Indianapolis. Following Mass, Msgr. Schaedel will lead the gathering in a prayerful walk to the Clinic for Women on East 38th Street to pray the rosary, then return to the church for Benediction.

Like the Helpers ministry, Scanlon said, the Crossroads pro-life pilgrimage is based on prayer and sacrifice. “We are walking across the country,” he said, “to witness for the value, dignity and sanctity of life from the moment of conception until natural death.”

For the first time this year, Scanlon said, the collegians organized two Crossroads walks—one from San Francisco across the northern states and the other from Los Angeles through the South—in an attempt to bring the pro-life message to more Americans. They walked through snow in the mountains, 106-degree weather in the desert, and extremely hot and humid temperatures in the Midwest.

“Both groups will meet in Steubenville on Aug. 6,” Scanlon said, “and we will walk together to Washington, D.C., for a Mass for Life on Aug. 13 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and a pro-life rally on Aug. 14 on Capitol Hill.”

Father Frank Pavone, the founder and director of Priests for Life, will celebrate the pro-life liturgy at the basilica, Scanlon said. Nationally known pro-life advocates Nellie Gray, the founder of the March for Life, and Joseph Scheidler, executive director of the Pro-Life Action League in Chicago, are among the featured speakers for the rally. †

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again,” he said. “Christ is being crucified in every child that is torn apart” in abortion.

“It’s important to be very reverent at the prayer site,” Scanlon said. “In prayer, we invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit to save the lives of babies.”

As participants in the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants ministry, he said, the collegians have prayed countless rosaries outside abortion clinics in many states.

Supporters of the international pro-life ministry, founded in 1989 by Msgr. Philip J. Reilly of Brooklyn, N.Y., attribute its success to the power of intense prayer. Scanlon said. Sidewalk counselors rely on group prayer to strengthen their efforts to save souls and lives.

“In the Helpers ministry, our first and foremost goal is the conversion of hearts—the mother, father, abortionist, all the people working in the abortion industry—to save souls,” Scanlon said. “Our second goal is to save the child from abortion. Our third goal, and that’s what separates Msgr. Reilly’s techniques from others, is to lay the foundation for the child’s future through family-oriented guidance and support. It’s not enough just to get somebody to turn away from abortion. We need to let them know about Christ and that they are the primary educators of their children.”

This approach comes from his upbringing, especially from his father, Jim.

“He has always been the one to be very reverent,” Casey said. “He went to Mass every morning. He moved me to be a Catholic, to be a Christian. I decided to major in religious studies and philosophy when I entered college. It was an opportunity for me to really share my experience with a young kid who maybe had some doubts in his mind about his career.”

Casey was a student at the University of Richmond, Va., when—on the advice of his sister, Beth—he began doing volunteer work with children afflicted with cerebral palsy.

He also has visited a Cincinnati hospital a few times, he said. “It’s really amazing the impact you have just by the fact that you’re a professional athlete or the fact that they know you’ve played baseball ... that you take the time to be with these kids,” Casey said. “It really puts a smile on their faces,” he added. “That’s worth more than anything else you can give.”

Casey’s good friend who became a priest now lives in Boston. “I got to see him a lot when I played in the Cape Cod League in 1994,” he said.

And the priest will preside at Casey’s Nov. 6 wedding to Mandy Kanka in South Euclid, Ohio, near Cleveland. †

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On July 21, Pope John Paul II spoke of heaven at his weekly Wednesday general audience. A week later, he addressed the topic of hell.

(If may not or may be a coincidence that the pope spoke of heaven on the day after a two-week vacation in the Italian Alps, and hell, after a week spent in July-heated Rome)!

We don’t hear a lot these days about heaven, we hear even less about hell. They’re topics on the “backburner” of discussion in the Church, but Pope John Paul emphasized several interesting points in his short remarks.

Concerning heaven, he said that it is “not an abstraction nor a physical place.” It is, he said, “a living and personal relationship of union with the Holy Trinity.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls heaven “the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, defin- itive happiness” (#1024).

The pope went on to say that we can experience a little bit of heaven on earth through our participation in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and in our service to others. It is the belief of the Church, particularly emphasized in the Eastern Churches, that during the eucharistic liturgy all the saints and angels in heaven are present with the faithful on earth—a veri- table “cloud of witnesses” surrounding the altar and uniting themselves in praise and thanksgiving with the assembled believers.

Hell, on the other hand, is not, the pope said, “neither an abstraction nor a physical place.” It is, the pope said, “a living and personal relationship of union with the Holy Trinity.”

One of the things that the pope pointed out is that hell is created by the free will of man. It is man himself who has the free will to choose his ultimate destiny. It is we who will use good or bad things to entice us into idolatry—worshiping that which is not God, be it money, success, power, illicit sex, laziness to entice us into idolatry—worshiping that which is not God, be it money, success, power, illicit sex, substance abuse, et al.

Human beings certainly love their ability to choose (consider Eve and Adam). But we also resist being held accountable for our choices (“The woman gave me the fruit to eat.” … “The serpent tricked me”). Let’s be conscious of and thankful to God for the gift of free will. But let’s also not kid ourselves. It is we who will use that free will to choose our ultimate destinies—eternal union with God or the eternal emptiness of life without God.

The choice is ours.† — William R. Bruns

Seeking the Face of the Lord

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.

Stealing is another form of violence

(Eighth in a series)

You shall not steal.

Stealing is yet another form of violence. As Benedictine Father Demetrius Dunn, notes in Flowers in the Desert, “In the clan society of the Old Testament period, stealing was considered particularly odious because it not only deprived a person of his or her property. Private own- ership is not absolute in the sense that we are never dispensed from helping our neighbors who are in need.

Good stewards respect the material world that God has entrusted to our care. Each of us has a right and a duty to care for not only his or her own property and possessions but also for the great bounty we have received from God’s goodness: the land we work, the air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we eat (and share with others). As stewards, we respect one another’s property. We commit ourselves to economic justice and political responsibility among all nations and people of the earth.

Obviously then, even though the earth, pp.52-54). The sin is “false mas- tery.” God owns the earth and all that is in it.†

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(3) Submitted to meet his basic needs and the needs of those who are in need.

*Flowers in the Desert: A Spirituality of Violence* by Benedictines Dunn, O.S.B. (published by St. Bede’s Publications, P.O. Box 545, Pawtucket, Mass.)


La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en agosto

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Saint Meinrad monks celebrate jubilees

Seven Benedictine monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad were acknowledged for their years of monastic commitment on July 25. Celebrating 60-year jubilees were Benedictine Brothers Lawrence Shidler and Benedictine Barthel and Benedictine Father Rembert Gehant.

Monks honored for 25 years were Benedictine Fathers Justin Duval, Bede Cisco, Jonathan Fassero and Nathaniel Reeves. All four professed vows as Benedictine monks on Aug. 14, 1974, and were ordained priests on April 30, 1978. They received their bachelor’s degrees from Saint Meinrad College and Master of Divinity degrees from Saint Meinrad School of Theology.

Due to the number of Saint Meinrad monks celebrating jubilees this year, an event was held in June to honor those monks who marked 50 years of monastic commitment. Benedictine Brother Lawrence Shidler, a native of Elkhart, professed his vows as Benedictine monk on Feb. 10, 1939. His primary assignment at the archabbey has been in the carpentry shop, where he crafts items such as chalices, bookcases, candleholders and monastic coffins.

Benedictine Brother Benedict Barthel, a native of Evansville, professed his vows as a Benedictine monk on Feb. 10, 1939. In 1944, he was assigned as bookkeeper at Abbey Press, where he performed a variety of duties for 41 years, including head compositor, Intertype operator, pressman and as a worker in the sculpture shop. Currently, he works in the Saint Meinrad School of Theology bookstore, The Scholer Shop, and is assistant monastery guest master.

Benedictine Father Rembert Gehant, a native of West Brooklyn, Ill., professed his vows as a Benedictine monk on Aug. 7, 1939. He attended Saint Meinrad minor and major seminaries and was ordained a priest on May 30, 1944. In 1944, he was assigned as bookkeeper at Abbey Press, work he undertook for 26 years. In 1969, he was associate pastor of Saint Meinrad Parish and served their until 1977. Currently, Father Rembert works at a variety of tasks in the archabbey and at Abbey Press.

Benedictine Father Justin Duval, a native of Toledo, Ohio, earned a master’s degree in library science from the University of Michigan. He served as assistant librarian in the archabbeby library from 1979–84 and was assistant to the novice/junior master. In 1984, Father Justin was named prior of the monastery, a position he held for 11 years. Currently, he is vice-rector of the School of Theology.

Benedictine Father Bede Cisco is a native of Indianapolis. He earned Ed.M and Ed.D. degrees from Columbia University. From 1979–82 and again from 1987–93, Father Bede was associate dean of students of Saint Meinrad College. He served as academic dean of the college from 1993-99. He also taught theology in the college, and was adjunct assistant professor of pastoral studies in the School of Theology from 1987-92. Currently, he is the director of Indianapolis programs for the School of Theology.

Benedictine Father Jonathan Fassero, a native of Mishawaka, received a master’s degree in religious studies from Indiana University. Father Jonathan has held several positions at Saint Meinrad College, including associate director of recruitment, associate dean of freshmen, associate coordinator of student life and director of admissions. Currently, he is director of donor relations in Saint Meinrad’s Development Office, assistant director of monastic vocations and associate dean of students for the school. He gives retreats on priesthood vocations.

Benedictine Father Nathaniel Reeves, a native of Detroit, Mich., also received a degree in canon law from Pontifical Gregorian University. Father Nathaniel has been an instructor in canon law for the School of Theology since 1983. He was defender of the bond for the Metropolitan Tribunal in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in 1984-89 and is currently part-time defender of the bond for the archdiocese. Currently, Father Nathaniel is academic dean for the School of Theology.

Celebrating 60-year jubilees were Benedictine Brothers Justin Duvall, Bede Cisco, Jonathan Fassero and Nathaniel Reeves. This Ad Is Camera Ready!

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First Communion in 1909

This is believed to be a 1909 photograph of a boys’ first Communion class at the first St. Joseph Parish in Indianapolis. This parish was founded in 1873 by Father Joseph Petit and was originally located on East Vermont St. In 1879, the parish moved to College Ave. and North St., where this picture was taken. In 1949, the parish was closed. A new St. Joseph Parish was established that same year and was located at 6041 West Morris St. In the early 1950s, the construction of the west portion of Interstate 465 forced the relocation of the parish to its present site at 1375 S. Mickley Ave. Today the parish numbers about 1,000 persons. The priest in this photo is believed to have been the pastor in 1909, Msgr. Francis Benjamin Dowd. The handwritten information with this photograph lists the names of only some of the individuals shown and then does not specify who is who. Can readers help?


We get help from a reader

Julia Love tells us that the couple in last week’s “From the Archives” wedding photograph is none other than herself and her husband Lewis, now deceased. They were married at St. Joseph Parish in Corydon on June 15, 1940. Father Hillman presided. (Two Father Hillmans—brothers—have served the archdiocese: Anthony A. [1910–1956] and Richard B. [1905–1974]). The photograph was taken by a photographer from the Louisville Courier Journal, which published it with an article titled “To Be Sure It’s Love.”

Vacation is time to strengthen ties with God, family

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS)—People should use summer vacations to enjoy moments of peace and closeness with their families and with God, Pope John Paul II said. Vacations should be “a time of human recharging,” an opportunity “to find yourself and others again in a more balanced and serene way,” the pope said Aug. 1.

The pope, meeting visitors at his summer residence south of Rome, prayed for people on vacation, those who already have returned home and those unable to take time off.

Summer vacations, he said, bring to mind families first. Families often “feel the disadvantages of the fast rhythm of work, especially in the big cities,” the pope said. “Often it is difficult for them to find the peaceful climate and atmosphere they need” for intimacy, discussion and planning.

Pope John Paul said it was interesting and encouraging that more and more families are spending part of their vacations in “places of the spirit: monasteries, shrines, hermitages and retreat houses.” “Almost always these places bring together the beauty of the natural environment with opportunities to draw spiritual riches from meeting God in reflection, silence, prayer and contemplation,” he said.

The pope said people also should make time for silence and reflection “to safeguard interior harmony,” which is easily overwhelmed by the tasks and responsibilities of daily life.

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St. Thomas More, Mooresville parish, has plans for rapid growth

From its corner of Morgan and Hendricks counties, St. Thomas More Parish in Mooresville is growing by leaps and bounds—and it’s still growing.

“It’s a nice problem to have,” said Maureen Shea, director of liturgy, music and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process for the parish.

“We average one new family a week,” she said. “As one of the parishioners told me, ‘You guys still think of yourself as a small parish and you’re not.’

Staff members attribute much of the growth to Father Edward J. Ripperger, pastor of St. Thomas More.

The growth has caused the Indianapolis West Deanery parish to add another Mass to its Sunday schedule.

A new housing addition, Heartland at the Crossing, explains some of the growth.

“It’s like a whole new town developing, bringing a phenomenal number of Catholic families into area,” said Shea.

Families attending Mass have overrun the parking lot and must park in the ball diamond or in the playground. The parish is considering finishing another parking area on the north side of the church. The physician across Indiana Street allows the parish to use his parking lot on Sunday.

Mary Sharp, part-time administrative assistant and part-time buildings and grounds coordinator, said there is a core of “old-timers,” but 60 percent of the parishioners have moved in during the past 11 years. “It presents a different scenario than the ‘normal’ parish.”

Both women are “tickled” that the parish had 21 adults involved in the RCIA process last year.

“We serve a big, big area,” said Sharp. “I think we have a strong focus on youth.”

Shea said, “It is getting to be a younger parish. When we came in 1975, our family was among the youngest.”

Sharp, whose family moved into the parish in 1974, said, “Now we feel like old folks.”

“The focus is heading strongly to family life,” said Shea. “Marianne [Hawkins, coordinator of religious education] is forming committees to work on family life.”

Lew Sharp, Mary’s husband, heads the property committee and spends much of his time helping improve the buildings and grounds at St. Thomas More.

“Without Lew, we’d be lost,” said Laura Rist. “He does a fabulous job keeping everything up.”

Rist is a part-time parish office staffer and part-time coordinator of religious education.

“I’m the only person with four women bosses,” quipped Sharp.

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Ben and Becky Rist try out the ‘fishing’ at the Port Hope backdrop for St. Thomas More in Mooresville’s vacation Bible school.

to the parish.

“That’s the site of the new church,” he said. “We’re outgrowing this one.”

Rist said the new location would alleviate heavy traffic on Indiana Street directly to the east of the church.

“We would have two entrances to the church, with access from the road north of the church,” she said.

Lew Sharp explained that there is a small house on the new property, where the rectory will eventually be located. A parishioner now rents the house.

“We’re really lucky to get this land,” he said. “Mooresville doesn’t have much property,” said Hawkins.

When the new church is built, the parish plans to expand the religious education classrooms. Last year, the parish had 365 children enrolled, serving children from preschool through grade 12.

While the children attend religious education programs, the parents socialize with coffee and doughnuts.

“This is important because the parish is so spread out,” said Lew Sharp.

Five high schools feed into the parish, as well as numerous elementary schools. The youth and their parents get to know each other at sports activities, like track meets.

Things are used in practical ways at St. Thomas More. One day in June, a truckload of sand was brought to the ball diamond. Vacation Bible school students used it to play in before volunteers spread it on the ball diamond.

The parish offers three different four-week programs—to keep the kids active over the summer,” said Mary Sharp. The leaders use their creativity. Parents are involved in the summer program.

“It’s relaxing; we have fun,” said Hawkins. “And we still learn about God.”

Father Ripperger commented that liturgy is very important at St. Thomas More.

The parish has a children’s choir, as well as separate choirs with girls, teens and adults.

The youth take ministerial roles at Sunday Masses once a month. Each of the religious education grade levels, from four to 12, is responsible for one monthly Sunday liturgy.

The parish has training for lay ministers in summer and, each fall, a Ministry Fair is used to invite new people to become involved in the parish.

Father Ripperger also do things for the church, said Lew Sharp.

The parish also has an active women’s club. One group of women is starting to make quilts for premature babies at Riley Hospital for Children. Eventually they hope to make quilts to raffle at the parish Applefest.

A large number of parishioners turn out on the parish work days, which are held twice a year.

Shea said, “Lew makes a list and cracks his whip.”

“They wash windows, fix the playground, paint the ball diamond fence. [and] even put in a steel backstop,” said Hawkins.

“We delegate nonroutine jobs at that time,” said Lew Sharp.

“We change all the fluorescent lights. Last time, we made new restroom stalls and put in new doors. We’re lucky to have talented people.”

Everybody in town knows us,” he said. Parishioners donate time to the local Churches in Mission.

“When we came, Catholics were definitely a minority, now we’re well known throughout community,” said Lew Sharp.

The staff reported that when Father Ripperger was on sabbatical from January to April 1998, parishioners pitched in and everything went smoothly.

“A lot of parishioners are transplants. Our parish family may be more important because our biological families are not near. We have two ‘moons’ here and a couple of ‘dads,’” said Sharp. “It is a very friendly atmosphere. Father enhances that.”

Mary Sharp said, “It is nice around here.”

Ginny Buchler, a member of the board of education, said that 65 to 70 parish youth will be confirmed for the two eligible grades.

The RCIA is growing each year although the area is only 3 percent Catholic. “You almost feel like you’re a missionary,” said the pastor.

Father Ripperger said, “I felt we did quite well with the Legacy of Hope capital campaign. We doubled our goal with $470,000.”

He considers St. Thomas More a family-oriented parish, with the many children.

Father Ripperger doesn’t make many home visits, due to the growing numbers and the physical size of the parish. “It’s hard to have such a big area.”

With the new restructuring, the parish is considering Renew, Christ Renews His Parish and other faith-formation and stewardship programs, Father Ripperger said.

He would like to have a current census, but “knocking on doors is almost impossible.” The parish plans to update its five-year old parochial directory as a way of doing an informal survey.

Father Ripperger said, “We have lots of baptisms and not so many funerals.”

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The story of Paul’s first encounter of the risen Christ illustrates most clearly that when God wants you to make some drastic changes in your life, you will know what step or action you are to take. The change that occurred in Paul’s life after the risen Lord appeared to him is without parallel in recorded history. Paul had “persecuted the Church violently” and then went on to become its foremost missionary and theologian.

In his youth, Paul attempted to eliminate Christianity from the face of the earth. The very first time his name appears in the Bible, he is associated with making life hell for Christians. In the First Letter to the Corinthians, the stoning of Stephen, the first Christian martyr, Paul confessed to his death” (Acts 8:1).

Paul demonstrated great zeal in his anti-Christian activities. Entering house after house, he raged the Church by dragging off Christians and having them put into prison (Acts 8:2). If he found anyone belonging to the new Christian movement, male or female, he would drag them to the city gates to be sentenced to death (Acts 8:26, 44; 9:1–2, 22). Paul then tried to make the Christians curse the name of Christ. When the time came to decide on a fitting punishment for the Christians, Paul was in favor of the death of all the Christians. His attempt to destroy the Church came to a screeching halt when Paul heard the thunderous voice of Jesus through his mouth. “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” (Acts 9:1–6).

Paul had previously sought to put an end to Christianity but it was God who put an end to his anti-Christian activity. In doing so, God demonstrated once again that sin does not frustrate the divine plan. This direct encounter with divine love was so intense and powerful that it changed Paul’s life forever. Perhaps the best way to describe the fundamental shift that took place in Paul’s life is to say that he became “Christized” in all things.

Paul’s life remained forever centered on the Lord. He viewed all aspects of his life in a Christian relationship with Christ. Jesus, the one “who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal 2:20). Would that all Christians do likewise.

After his first encounter with the risen Christ, Paul came to realize that his former persecution of the Church was fundamentally wrong. He had to cope with a sinful past. This being said, there is no evidence in Paul’s letters that he suffered from tremendous guilt or sorrow as a result of his previous anti-Christian behavior. On the contrary, through his connection with the risen Lord, Paul had experienced the compassionate and mercurial love of God the Father. He was now a forgiven man. Whenever he recalled his former attempts to destroy the Christian movement, perhaps he no longer thought of his actions with the same venom. Paul may have come to understand that God revealed his Son, to him in spite of his sinful behavior. The transforming power of grace is readily obvious in Paul’s life after he experienced the love of Christ Jesus, he was never the same. The risen Lord who appeared to Paul and which he bore the marks of—would not have come so long after his life if for no other reason than that God’s love is such a powerful love. The transforming power of grace is readily evident in Paul’s life after he experienced the love of Christ Jesus, he was never the same. The risen Lord who appeared to Paul and which he bore the marks of—would not have come so long after his life if for no other reason than that God’s love is such a powerful love.
The First Book of Kings is the source of this weekend’s first reading. Once, the First and Second Books of Kings were one vol- umine. At some point in time, an editor divided the books into the parts it has remained thus for centuries. The Second Book of Kings omits, the principal figures in these books should be the kings of Israel. Actually, while the books deal with some of the ear- liest kings, figures such as the prophet Elijah have prominent places. This is the case in this reading.

Elijah lived many centuries before Jesus. Yet he was a favorite figure in the devotions of early Christians. They saw in him a likeness to John the Baptist, and saints’ days were reminded of Jesus by the stories of Elijah.

In this story, severe natural events are underway. A great wind is blowing. It is strong enough to toss rocks about. Then there is an earthquake. These phenomena were, and are, rate in the Middle East. And then came a great fire.

But God was not present in any of these great forces. Rather, the presence of God was indicated by appropriate letters: A for 1, B for 2, and C for 3. Elijah recognized God’s presence nonetheless, and paid homage. The message is clear. God communi- cates with humans in quite unexpected and unfamiliar. Only the devout and the humble hear and understand God.

St. Paul’s Epistle to the Romans once again during this season furnishes the sec- ond reading. Paul was very conscious of being a Jew, and he was very proud of the fact. It was not coincidental. He had been born of Jewish parents, apparently descended from a long line of faithful Jews. He received the best education in Jewish tradition and belief then available.

Understandably then, in this reading he speaks of his own people with a certain deference. He sees his race as greatly privi- leged, not because of military conquest or the grandeur of structures, but because God had communicated with Jews over the cen- turies. Unique among all people, Jews had received a knowledge of God and of the ultimate truth of life.

Reflection
Life can have its unsettling and indeed terrifying moments. God can seem very far away. Everyone has moments of feeling utterly alone, vulnerable, even helpless—as if in a filmy boat on a tossing, angry sea. Yet the great message of God, so many centuries by devout Jews, espe- cially the prophets, and then by Jesus, and then through the Twelve, is that those who love God are never alone.

Not only is God present, but God speaks in guidance and reassurance. Circumstances on earth may seem to overwhelm us, but in the end God will stand with us. Everyone has moments of feeling utterly alone, vulnerable, even helpless—as if in a filmy boat on a tossing, angry sea. Yet the great message of God, so many centuries by devout Jews, espe- cially the prophets, and then by Jesus, and then through the Twelve, is that those who love God are never alone.

Through Jesus, God sustains us with the Bread of Life. God leads us. God protects us. We are never alone. We are never pow- erless. Indeed, in Jesus we are mighty. In Jesus, we will live forever, despite all the hardships of life.

Question Corner
Fr. John Dietzen
Number 666, or 616, in Revelation may refer to Roman emperor Nero

What is the significance of the num- ber 666 as it relates to the teachings of the Catholic Church? I understand the numbers are from the Bible, (Ohio)

The Book of Numbers in the New Testament con- tains numerous fantas- tic accounts and apparitions apparently experienced by the ascribed author, John, the apostle. The visions and apparitions describe in veiled language the persecu- tors of the early Christians, particularly by the Roman government, and proclaim the final victory of good over evil, of Jesus and his disciples over their enemies. In the 13th chapter of this book, author speaks of an evil beast who will cause extensive destruction and suffering, whose name, or the number that stood for its name, was 666.

The most common interpretation refers it to the Roman emperor Nero, one of the cruellest among the persecutors of Christians.

The Greek name for Nero Caesar is Neron Kaisar. Transliterating into English the combination of letters of the letters gives a total of 666. Several ancient Scripture manuscripts and writ- ings have the number 616 instead of 666. If the final “n” in the name of Nero is removed, the total for the letter-numbers is 616.†

Daily Readings
Sunday, Aug. 9

Deuteronomy 10:12–22
Psalm 147:12–15, 19–20
Matthew 17:22–27

Tuesday, Aug. 10

Lawrence, deacon and martyr
2 Corinthians 9:6–10
Psalm 112:1–2, 5–9
John 12:24–26

Wednesday, Aug. 11

Clare, virgin and religious
Lamentations 3:41–42
Psalm 66:1–3a, 5, 16–17
Matthew 18:15–20

Thursday, Aug. 12

Joshua 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17
Psalm 114:1–6
Matthew 18:21–19:1

Friday, Aug. 13

Pontian, pope and martyr
Hippolytus, priest and martyr
Psalm 45:10bc, 11–12ab, 16
1 Corinthians 15:20–27

My Journey to God

The Call

The call came late—at midnight on the night of June 16. I remember my husband Dennis, telling me, “No, Dad! No—not Dennis!” I felt the blood drain from my face as my stomach hurt and I said, “No!” I remember very little about the ride home. I told Jimmy there had been a mis- take. It was not Dennis. Dennis, I prayed and just knew you would be home and waiting on the porch. You weren’t.

Every day I hurt. My heart breaks to touch your face, to hold you, to say “I love you.” And every day I have to face the fact that it will not happen. Missing you is forever.

Jimmy and I held each other and cry—each understanding the pain. We share memories and concerns. We try to give each other comfort to ease this pain. And we look into each other’s eyes and know the pain will always be there—until our death—for we are parents.

I have learned to take comfort where I can hold it, treasure it, savor the feeling, because the pain and loss are real. When I lost you, I wished I had three children, not two. Then I talked to a mother who had three children and lost two. I try to face holidays and special occa- sions before they get here—to prepare, to avoid a hurtful surprise. I prepare for pain with pain.

So many came to honor you, to say “I love you,” to cry, to see you face. Small gifts were placed with you. They came with memories and love. So much love. We shared our hearts to give and receive comfort.

For your birthday, Pop and I were to buy you a new mattress. We bought a coffin. We were to help you buy a house. We bought Lot 407 D–1 at the cemetery. We kept our promise, but you left for a day, a week, or month. And we win.

By Bonnie Davis Bullington

My 75-pound puppy, Johnny, is with us. He slept with one of your shirts for three days. When I saw my chewed shoes, or dirt on the floor, I looked for him. Tonight, I’m going to the house at face and remember you loved him. I win and cry. I moved the picture to the other side of the refrigerator. For three days, I drank coffee, looked at the spot where the picture was and cried. That picture was to help me see you in my son’s eyes. The pain so deep, and yet he knew he would see his son again, but the pain of loss is deep and permanent. Oh my God, how you must have wept! Did I ever thank you for your son? I’m not sure I understood until now.

I could scream myself into insanity, but that luxury is not an option. The tears don’t stop. My heart is torn, my body weak. At what point does the pain ease? As Jesus wept for Lazarus, I weep for you, my son. My heart aches to see your face, to hold you and say “I love you.” There are no words, only pain. Oh Lord, help me, help my husband, my son, my loved ones. Please help us.

The day we planted the tree was your 25th birthday. So many loved ones gath- ered. The sky was overcast, but the tem- perature was pleasant. There was laughter and talk of memories. At one point, the sun came out and shined on the tree. You had been gone one week. I went to the cemetery by myself. I cried all the way. When I got there, the first words spoken were the same as the last words spoken: “I love you.” All the flowers were not picked up. In some ways it was like cleaning your room for the last time.

In this time of grief, I have not walked on my own. God and Jesus have carried me. When my heart broke, they comforted me. When the tears came, they wiped them away. As I opened my heart, they were there.†

Friday, Aug. 13

The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
1 Corinthians 15:20–27
**The Active List**

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**August 6**


**August 8-6**


**August 7**

St. Michael School, Brookville, 354 High St., alumni reunion. Mass in church, 5:30 p.m.; dinner and dance at Brookville Knights of Columbus, 7 p.m. Information: 765-647-5462.

**August 8**

St. Anthony Parish and All Saints School, Indianapolis, 379 N. Waramen Avenue, smart discipline program, 7 p.m.-5 p.m., Information: 317-636-4828.

All Saints Homeschool Association orientation for parents new to homeschooling, Indianapolis, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Information: 812-637-6277.

**August 9-11**


**August 10**

Ave Maria Guild meets at 12:30 p.m., St. Paul Hermitage, Beech Grove.

**August 11**

Internationally known Irish singer, David Parker, in concert, St. Mary Church, 415 E. 8th and Spring Streets, New Albany, 7 p.m. Information: 812-949-6097.

**August 15**

St. Paul Parish, County 500 E. and 800 N., Sunday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; chicken dinners, tart soup, homemade quilts and games. Information: Jerry Yola, 812-623-2361.

**August 21**

Our Lady’s Chapel in the Meadows, Camp Atterbury near Indianapolis, 10 a.m., Mass, rosary, picnic to honor Infant Jesus of Prague, with a Children’s Mass and prayer, 11 a.m., Father John Sciarrino, picnic pitch-in, 12:45 p.m. Information: Salvatore Petruzzi, 317-849-9731.

**August 22**

St. Paul Parish, 3198 N. Debrah Road, New Alcage, picnic/festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. EDST, chicken dinners, games and country store. Information: Father Ray Schaefer, 812-623-2198.

**August 26**

St. Mary Parish, 2500 St. Mary Dr., Danesville, annual picnic, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., country-style chicken or ham dinners, homemade quilts and $5,000 cash drawing. Information: Barry Geswein, 812-952-2336, or Richard Geswein, 812-952-2558.

**August 27**

St. Paul, New Arbeits, 9736 N. Deardorff Blvd., Guilford, Mass 9 a.m. EDST. Country-style chicken dinners, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; lunch stand, country store, quilts, prizes, games, beer garden. Rain or shine: Information 812-623-2198.

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**August 30**

Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass. Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass.

**September 6**

St. Michael Church, 519 S. Shelby St., prayer service, 7 p.m. Information: 710-462-4470.

**September 12**

St. Anthony Parish, Indianapolis, 379 N. Waramen, rosary and Benediction for vocations, 2 p.m.

**September 13**

Christ the King Church, Indianapolis, 5884 N. Cridtenden Ave., exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Rosary for world peace at 8 p.m.

**September 14**

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., 7 p.m. for Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

**September 15**

St. Joseph Church, Sellersburg, 2605 S. Joe Rd. West, Mass.

**September 20**

St. Lawrence Parish, 6944 E. 46th St., prayer service, 6:45 p.m. Information: 317-852-3195.

**September 21**

St. Patrick Church, Salem, Shelby St., prayer service, 7 p.m.

**September 22**

St. Malachy Church, 2650 Shelby St., prayer service, 7 p.m.

**September 27**

St. Joachim Church, 1610 E. Mangement Rd., adult religious education classes from 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. with small group fee: Information: 317-942-5869.

**September 28**

Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, 89 N. 17th St., prayer group from 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

**September 29**

St. Paul Parish, County 500 E. and 800 N., Chicken dinner, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; chicken dinners, tart soup, homemade quilts and games. Information: Jerry Yola, 812-623-2361.

**September 30**

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., perpetual adoration in the parish center.

**Holy Rosary Church**

Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St., Tridetina (Latin) Mass, 10 a.m.

**St. Anthony of Padua Church**

Clarksville, “Be Not Afraid” holy hour, 6 p.m.

**St. Anthony Church**

Indianapolis, 379 N. Waramen, rosary and Benediction for vocations, 2 p.m.

**St. Michael Church**

Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., Marian Prayer group, 7 p.m. in the chapel.

**St. Joseph Church**

Indianapolis, 2605 S. Joe Rd. West, Marian prayer group from 3 p.m.-4 p.m. at 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis (behind St. Michael Church). Information: 317-271-8016.

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Rest in peace

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